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PREFACE

I have cherished fondly a great desire for many years to record and preserve for the coming generations the history of Woodville and communities and to give brief sketches of some of the leading men who have lived here.

I therefore have talked with many aged persons and jotted down bits of information for the last twenty-seven years, concerning the first settlers, their trials, hardships, achievements, and experiences.

To write of the changes in the customs, manners of life, the improvements of living conditions should prove very interesting.

This is not done with any desire or hope for financial gain, but done solely to satisfy a long cherished ambition to rescue from oblivion the heroic struggles of the pioneer builders of a free civilization here amid these beautiful hills, coves, and valleys.

He, who would let the memory of his ancestors and friends perish, is not worthy to be remembered by his posterity.

The information here given, has come to me from many sources, largely by tradition.

Some of it has not always been in agreement with other information. I have spared no effort to arrive at the truth.

The list of those who have helped me is a long and imposing one. It would be a difficult task to suitably acknowledge all the aid I have received in gathering the material for this little book. For this aid I thank everyone most sincerely.

As you read this history may you remember with Emerson that "the use of history is to give value to the present hour and its duty."

The author hopes this little book will be a legacy to mankind from generation to generation as a gracious gift to those who are yet unborn.

I especially wish to thank Miss Audrey Bartlett for typing and correcting my manuscript.

Only God knows the many miles traveled on foot and other ways, in making possible this book; no person other than my bosom companion, knows, or can know, the letters written, the many hours, days, weeks and months devoted to this work.

With malice toward none, with abiding love for God and humanity, this volume is dedicated to the memory of those who have gone on, and the children who are now living and yet to live.

Woodville, Alabama, January 12, 1950

John Robert Kennamer, Sr.

CHAPTER I

THE FIRST SETTLERS

GUNTER'S LANDING

John Gunter, a Scotchman, came down the Tennessee River from East Tennessee about 1785, and settled at Gunter's Landing among the Cherokee Indians, married a Cherokee woman and reared a large family of sons and daughters.

His sons John, Samuel, and Edward were important men in the Cherokee nation.

About 1818 Edward Gunter operated a ferry at Gunter's Landing across the Tennessee River. A great deal of merchandise was brought down the river and unloaded to be hauled as far south as Tuscaloosa and other points in Alabama, and east as far as Rome, Georgia.

John Gunter Junior, built a large store house and painted it white. For this reason the place became widely known as the "White House."

About 1783 a company of eight prominent men of North Carolina was organized to settle the Great Bend in the Tennessee Valley in Alabama. The state of Georgia claimed all this land and appointed a commission of seven men to survey and sell this land for settlement. The effort failed because the Indians were hostile and drove them out.

WOODVILLE DISCOVERED

It has been said the first white men to see the present site of Woodville were a party probably from North Carolina, but no one knows just who came first to see this part of the country while the Indians had possession of it.

The next white men to settle on the Tennessee were two Pennsylvanians, Dutchmen, Josiah and John Ditto, brothers who settled at Ditto's Landing (Whitesburg) among the Chickasaw Indians about 1803, and established a trading post. After living here a little while, John Ditto emigrated to Illinois. Josiah's wife was a Smith.

James W. Ditto of Nat, Alabama, is a direct descendant of Josiah Ditto. There is some question as to whether the Dittos came before Joseph and Isaac Criner with Stephen McBroom, who explored the northeast part of Madison County in 1804.

As published in Dropped Stitches, Nashville, Tennessee by John Trotwood Moore, C.D.M. writing from Huntsville, says "My grandfather Isaac Criner, and his uncle Joe Criner were the first settlers of this (Madison) County, Alabama, coming, I think from East Tennessee about 1803." This fam-

ily first emigrated from near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Owen's History Vol. II, Page 924 says, "In the early part of 1805, the two Criners erected cabins for themselves, near Criner's Big Spring on Mountain Fork. While engaged in work they were visited by John Hunt and a man named 'Blan'. Hunt settled and went back to Tennessee for his family but Blan returned. Other settlers came in 1805 from Tennessee."

The Old Home of Seaborn F. Kennamer in Kennamer Cove, where two Federal Judges were born and reared. Judge Charles B. Kennamer and Judge Franklin Elmore Kennamer. Four other brothers who have made a name in the world, Thomas J., John Shepard, David Wendell, and Samuel Rexford Kennamer. Three sisters, Mary, Barton and Mattie all reared here.

Eliza Keel's mother was a Criner who married Samuel Cole. They came to Keel's Hollow when Eliza was a baby. She grew to young womanhood and married Samuel Keel.

The account book of old Isaac Criner who had a store at New Market, shows the name of Adam Allen Lackey. He had traded there in 1831. He married Lydia Campbell. They lived in Jackson County, Alabama on the head waters of Dry Creek from 1821-35.

Thomas Freeman, U. S. Surveyor who made a census in Madison County in January 1809 says, "that others had extended their settlements over the Indian boundary up in the coves of the mountains on the Cherokee." These coves were near Woodville.

Pat Jones writing in the Huntsville Times, issue of August 31, 1935 says, "Case in Early Huntsville Court Reveals

Sauta Cave as First County Seat of Jackson, Operated Before War of 1812 was Started." "The case was Robinson Versus Taylor, and was dated in 1812 or soon afterwards."

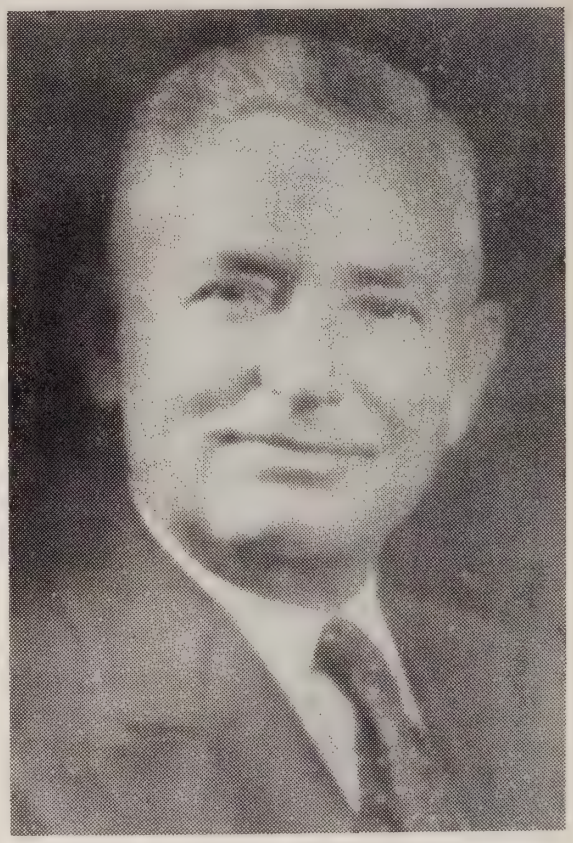
The earliest known record that we have, indicated that Sauta Cave was the first settlement in Jackson County.

The Huntsville Court records show Colonel William Robinson, operator of the mine and later a lawyer at Bellefont, second seat of Jackson County, filed action in 1812 to recover damages from Argyle Taylor, employed as a foreman there, "for taking four hundred weight of saltpetre with force and arms from the plaintiff." No bail was required.

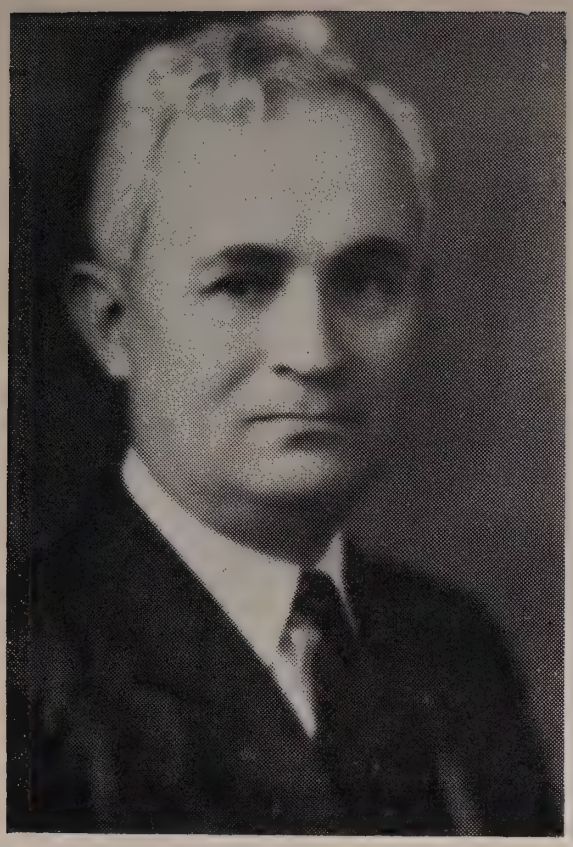
This case was in court for six years, because of witnesses not present, and was finally decided in favor of Taylor.

The witnesses were Joseph Neely, John Frost Archibald McSpaden, Joseph Wofford, Daniel Winters, David Byrd, and John R. Inman. The defendant used Stephen Standifer and Richard Riley, who was later employed as manager at the cave.

Judge Franklin Elmore Kennamer, son of Seaborn F. and Nancy Elizabeth (Mitchell) Kennamer, was born in Kennamer Cove, Alabama, January 12, 1879. He early learned to be a good speaker in the debating societies of the community; read law in Judge Virgil Bouldin's office, ran for the Legislature as a Republican against two strong Democratic preachers and came near being elected in 1900. Taught school two years and moved to Madill, Oklahoma, practiced law with C. A. Coakley fifteen years. In 1920, he was practicing law with his brother John Shephard Kennamer. They stumped the State for Harding and Coolidge, and F. E. was elected to the State Supreme Court. He made a great record, was appointed a Federal Judge in 1924 by President Coolidge. He retired June 1, 1940. His work has been so outstanding the Bar of the Northern Judicial District has painted his portrait, and Judge Alfred



P. Murrah, member of Circuit Court of Appeals, said: "I learned from Judge Kennamer the ways of truth and of justice." He is a member of the Church of Christ, and a Republican. Home, Chelsea, Oklahoma.



Judge Charles Brents Kennamer born November 25, 1874, in Kennamer Cove, Alabama. Married December 2, 1907, Birdie Hooper, a member of one of the finest families in Marshall county, and in the State. She is a faithful Christian.

Charles attended the public schools in Kennamer Cove, went one term at Scottsboro, and taught three months. In 1900 he was appointed to a clerkship in the Census Bureau at Washington, worked two years, studied law at Georgetown University, and was admitted to the Supreme Court Bar of Alabama in 1902. He was appointed County Solicitor of Marshall County in 1906; the next year became assistant U. S. Attorney for Northern District of Alabama, and served seven years. He was chosen by the Republican party to make the race in the 7th district for Congress in 1906, then again in 1919 in a special election, the vote was very close. He ran in 1920; has probably attended more National Conventions and did as much work for the Republican party as any other man in the State. February 9, 1921 he was appointed U. S. Attorney for the northern district of Alabama. He was appointed U. S. District Judge, by President Hoover, February 25, 1931, and on his 75th birthday, November 25, 1949, is still actively discharging all the duties of that office, though he could have retired five years ago on full pay.

Standifer testified that Taylor used seven men and a wagon and oxen were furnished. Standifer said the proceeds of a furnace per day was from 70 to 100 weight per day. He had gone to the cave in the early part of 1812.

Since Robinson furnished a wagon and oxen here in 1812, it would indicate that probably a wagon road was cut from Huntsville to the cave at this early date, and that it became part of the Old Stage Road that run through Woodville.

No one now knows who was the first person to see the place where Woodville was later built, or at what date this part of the county was discovered; neither do we know who built the first cabin.

It is claimed there were three or four log cabins in the

community when Henry Derrick settled in Old Woodville in 1815.

There was a cabin at the Spout Spring on the Joseph Elliott reservation, one just south of the first High School building, One at the place where S. H. (Brud) Kennamer lived and one near the mouth of Cotton Cove on the Sutton-Stephens reservation.

We do not know whether these cabins were built by the Indians or by hunters and traders who came among the Indians. We know the Indians built a cedar log cabin in Kennamer Cove near the Tom Kennamer home.

Woodville is the oldest town in Jackson County. The four oldest towns in the county were Bellefonte, Boliver, Woodville and Larkinsville. The first two towns have long since passed into history.

Jackson County was created by an act of the State Legislature on December 13, 1819, then in session in Huntsville. It is therefore one day older than the State of Alabama.

Decatur County was created by an Act of the Legislature December 13, 1821 out of Jackson County and the part of Madison County east of Flint River. This county extended from the great bend in the Tennessee River on the south. to the Tennessee State line on the north, Flint River on the west to Sauta Creek on the east.

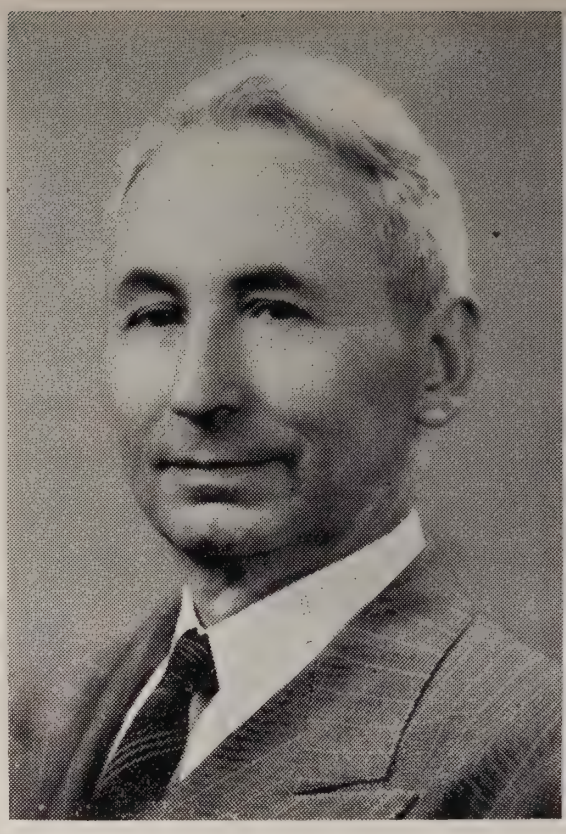
A commission was appointed by the Legislature to select

Thomas Jacob Kennamer, born July 19, 1870, in Kennamer Cove, married July 19, 1899, Laura B. Houston of Mulberry, Ala. "Tom Jake" taught in public schools, served in State Legislature from Marshall County, 1896-1897; was Deputy Collector, Internal Revenue for Ala., 1898 to 1902; Deputy Sheriff in Jefferson county 1907-9; Deputy U. S. Marshall 1910-11. P. M. at Ensley, 1912-13; Clerk 1915-22. Was appointed U. S. Marshall, northern district of Alabama by President Harding. He passed away September 1938, buried in Birmingham. He was friendly, had a great personality and successfully filled every office with honor and distinction. Member of the Christian church.

Mrs. Laura (Houston) Kennamer, widow of Thomas J. Kennamer, and four sons. They are listed from left to right: Victor, J. C. (Billy); mother; Tom J. Jr., and George Kennamer.

Victor Kennamer is now connected with the Census Bureau at Washington, D. C.

Billy is with Veterans Bureau at Shreveport, La., as Supply Officer. George is retired from U. S. Navy as CPM, and now living in California. Tom J. Kennamer, Jr., born March 25, 1901 in Montgomery, Alabama, is the eldest son of Thos. J. and Laura (Houston) Kennamer. Married January 9, 1932, Emma Perry St. John of Hartselle, Alabama. Has two daughters, Carolyn and Helen. Served in many positions of honor from bailiff in U. S. district court to minority doorkeeper of the House of Representatives, U. S. in the 81st Congress, having been elected by the Republican members. Member of Christian Church, Mason, Abou Ben Adhem Temple Shrine. Active in Missouri Republican politics. Home, Monett, Mo.



David Wendell Kennamer, Northport, New York. Born May 16, 1888, Kennamer Cove, Alabama. Parents, Seaborn F. and Nancy Kennamer. Married Anna Louise Appleget; four children, Anna Louise, David Wendell II, Stephen Lee, and Virginia Elizabeth, deceased. Lived on his father's farm until grown. He attended the public schools, his first cousin, an author of this book being one of his earliest teachers. Is a veteran of World War I and has been employed with the Veterans Administration 28 years. At present is the Executive Officer of the V. A. Hospital, Northport, New York where 2600 war veterans are treated.

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a seat of justice which consisted of the following persons: Robert McCamey, James G. Holmes, John Kennamer, John Snow, Alex W. Dulaney, David Boshart, Aaron Rice, William Leg, and Mr. Barnett, who lived near the mouth of Paint Rock River.

Alex W. Dulaney lived a while near Lim Rock, and was the father of the late John W. Dulaney of Aspel. He was in the second Legislature in 1822-23.

David Boshart was a man who held many prominent positions of trust with honor. He lived in the Boshart precinct in the Tennessee River Valley and was elected and served as one of Marshall County's first Commissioners in 1836-40.

His first wife was Rachel Kennamer, daughter of Hans Kennamer. He married June 8, 1811 in Madison County, Alabama.

John Kennamer was a son of Hans Kennamer and was a brother of Samuel, Stephen, David, Abram, Levi, and Zacheus Kennamer Sr. He owned most of the land upon which the town of Camden, now Paint Rock, was built. He married Charlotte Jones, December 7, 1813, in Madison County, Alabama.

I have no record of the other six members of the commission. They selected Woodville as the County Seat which continued as such until the county was abolished by the

Legislature on December 28, 1825. The reason assigned was that it did not possess the territory as required by the Constitution.

This part of the state was not surveyed until the year 1822 and the years immediately following. Hesekiah Bayless, a Revolutionary soldier from Virginia, who had lived a short time in Madison County, was now living in Jackson County near the mouth of Paint Rock River, was elected by the Legislature County Court Judge. After the County was abolished he was appointed Justice of Peace April 21, 1826.

CHAPTER 2

HENRY DERRICK AND OTHER SETTLERS

Henry Derrick (1788-1856) was born in Virginia but came to Jefferson County East Tennessee. He was a representative in the Legislature when he met and married Catherine Branner (1791-1869). She spoke, read, and wrote German, having been taught by her parents.

They came to Alabama, down the Tennessee River to Gunter's Landing, and then came to Old Woodville in 1815 with three little girls. After living a short time in a cabin that stood near the curve in the road west of Old Woodville where the cemetery now is, he built a two-story log house on the stage road that ran from Huntsville through Jackson County. This house stood where the late William Prince lived. There were poplar shade trees in the yard. He kept an inn and the stage coach horses were changed here.

Derrick helped to hold the first court held in Jackson County. He was a man of means and a slave owner. He acquired a large tract of land, a section of rich virgin soil at the place now known as Old Woodville, which was then a vast cane-brake. He sold parcels of land and lots in Old Woodville to various persons. He sold Alfred and Andrew Moore twenty two and one half acres of land for $100.00 April 28, 1834. He sold the same men another lot of land August 12, 1834. On October 6, 1835 he sold Alfred Moore land in Sec. 1, T. 5 R 3.

Later on September 6, 1855, he sold Edward D. Dillard a tract of 317 acres for $4,000.00. This land lay south and east of the present town of Woodville. This left him 245 acres of his original tract.

They reared a large family; many descendants are living in this part of the state and other parts of the country. The children are as follows:

(1) Matilda Derrick (1810-1895) was born in Jefferson County, East Tennessee and married Joel McClendon.

(2) Ann Derrick (1812-1839) married John P. Fletcher.

(3) Christina Derrick (1814-1870) married John H. Evans (1802-1869). The ancestors of many of the Evans who are now living or have lived near Woodville.

(4) George Branner Derrick (1816-1864) died a Confederate prisoner in Nashville, Tennessee. He had married Mary Edington.

(5) Maston D. Derrick (1819-1840) single.

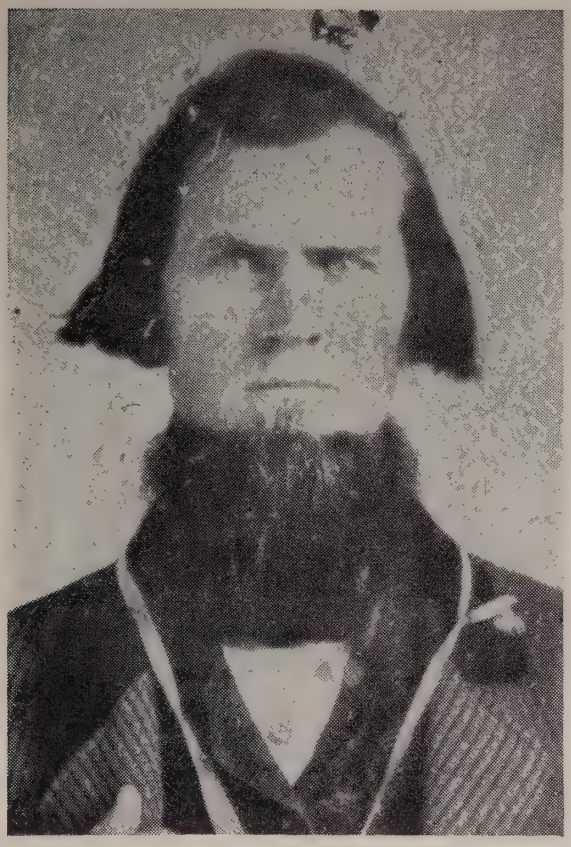
(6) William M. Derrick (1825-1881) married Cynthia Joplin in 1846. They went to Collins County, Texas.

(7) Dr. LaFayette Derrick (1827-1897) remained unmarried. See history in chapter on Doctors.

(8) Maria Jane Derrick (1828-1903) married William Green Stephens (1828-1870).

(9) Benjamine F. Derrick (1831-1863).

(10) Celina Derrick (1833-1908) married Stephen E. Kennamer (1826-1870), who was sheriff of Jackson County during a greater part of the Civil War.



Stephen E. Kennamer, b. April 26, 1826, son of Zaches, and Mollie Woodall Kennamer, grandson of Hans Kennamer. At the age of 29, he married Celina Derrick. To this union were born three sons and two daughters. Mary Catherine, Robert Preston, Alexander Taylor, Willis L. and Bettie Kennamer.

Their home was located in the foot hills of the Cumberland Mts., one and a quarter miles north of Paint Rock River Bridge.

In 1860, he was elected sheriff of Jackson county, defeating Judge Sublett. After the Civil War, he became a government gauger of stills, was a prominent man, often called on to arbitrate disputes in the community, was a Mason and a Democrat.

He died September 19, 1870 at the age of forty-four years, and was buried in the Derrick Cemetery one half mile east of Woodville. At the time of his death, he was connected with the Memphis and Charleston Railroad.

EARLY SETTLERS AROUND WOODVILLE

Even before the Cherokee Indians ceded to the national government the land here on February 27, 1819, men came and occupied it for years without a shadow of a legal title to it.

Everybody knew that the only right they had to this land was that they had selected it and built a house and cleared a farm on it.

The land here was surveyed in 1822 and the immediate years following.

The government put the land in Jackson County on sale

in 1830. There were several families already living here among the Indians.

SAMUEL EVANS

Samuel Evans (1796-1858) bought a large tract of land northeast of Woodville in 1831 and built his home at the Tank place one mile from Woodville, now on the railroad.

He was a leading citizen for years. He served as Justice of Peace from 1835 to 1841. He married a French the first time. She died in 1836 and was buried in Union Cemetery in a grave with a rock mound on it. Mr. Evans then married Mary Rogers, sister of Seaborn I. Rountree's wife. Mrs. Mary Evans (1801-1881) was appointed Postmaster at the close of the Civil War.

The children by his first wife were as follows :

(1) James K. (or Guy) Evans. He married Matilda Maples, daughter of Josiah Maples.

The children by his second wife were as follows: (2) Nancy Ann Evans married Andrew J. Wilson (1838-1937.) She died 1894.

(3) John Evans, who was killed in the Confederate Army and is buried in Union Cemetery.

(4) E. Mildred Evans married Thomas B. Maples. They lived about midway between the Tank Place and Union church house. They went to Texas.

(5) Seaborn Evans married Bettie Loyd.

(6) Rebecca Evans—unmarried.

MOSES MAPLES

Moses Maples (1802-1880) and wife Catherine (Manning) Maples (1805-1893) sister of William Manning of Keel's Hollow, came here with one or two children in the late 1820ties. They brought nothing but what they could carry on their backs, settled about a mile north of Woodville at the place later known as the George W. Bulman place. He soon acquired a large tract of land that extended to Union Cemetery. He was self educated and had unusual common sense and sagasity on various questions. He was oppossed to secession at first and warned of its consequencies.

He served as Justice of Peace 1841-4, 1871-4, was a member of the State Legislature 1844-45 also County Commissioner 1874-80.

He and his wife made a deed July 16, 1834 to the Deacons of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church to the first burial plot at Union Cemetery. He and his wife with many of his descendants are buried in Union Cemetery. Moses was the sixth son of nine brothers. His father was William C. Maples,

Mose J. Kennamer son of James Allen and Matilda (Maples) Kennamer, daughter of Moses Maples and Catherine Manning, was born near Woodville, Alabama, October 23, 1880. He was reared on a farm and acquired only a common public school education, when eighteen years old moved to Texas, studied music and became an efficient piano tuner, which avocation has been his life's work.

He married Feb. 27, 1908, Irene Ingram, daughter of John Henry and Katherine (Price) Ingram, at Quitman, Texas. She has been a great helpmeet in rearing a fine family. Children: M. J. Kennamer, died age 14. Mary Magdaline, William Bruce, Noble B., Lewis J., Maples J., all saw service in World War II. Nellie, Dorothy W., John W., and Vonna I. Kennamer.

His motto is "work." "Do what you like to do, but work at what you do."

the Revolutionary soldier, who died in Madison County, April 1, 1831. His brothers were named Josiah (or Joe), William, James, George, Edward (or Ned), Peter, Isaac and Canada (or Cam) Maples.

Their children were as follows:

(1) Gideon Maples (1822-1841).

(2) Jobe Maples, 1824-1847) married Edith Kennamer, daughter of David Kennamer of near Butler's Mill.

(3) Elizabeth Maples married Lacy Houk.

(4) Sarah Maples married Silas W. Kennamer, second son of David Kennamer.

(5) Josiah Maples born 1835—No other record.

(6) Edward Maples born 1837- No record.

(7) Mary Maples born 1838, married James E. Adams May 12, 1856. Adams was killed in the Civil War. Mary then became the second wife of John Parker.

(8) Martha Maples (1840-1900) married John Parker. She was the mother of three children namely:

(a) James S. Parker

(b) Silas Parker

(c) Catherine (or Kate) Parker, Kate married Houston Thomas, brother of Gum Thomas.

(9) Matilda Maples (1842-1907) married James Allen Kennamer. They reared twelve children. See Kennamer History.

(10) Thomas B. Maples born 1844, married Mildred Evans, daughter of Samuel Evans.

(11) Enoch Fletcher Maples born 1846, married Martha Parkhill, sister of Joe B. Parkhill. They went to Texas.

(12) Eady or Ada Jane Maples (1848-1900), married David A. Thomas (1845-1900).

There were three more children, but I have not been able to get their names.

JOSIAH MAPLES

Josiah (or Joe) Maples married Polly Butler, sister of Samuel Butler Sr. They settled at an early date just north of Woodville and the negro school building. The land on which he located is now owned by Mrs. Nell Hartman, of Scottsboro. He and his wife are buried in Union Cemetery. Their little girl, Sallie, was the first person buried here. Their children are as follows:

(1) Janie (or Jennie) Maples (1818-1908) married first Harvey Thomas (1814-1838). Their children were as follows:

(a) Harvey Thomas, Jr. was killed in the Confederate Army.

(b) Catherine Thomas married George Joplin. They went to Texas.

(c) William Thomas.

The widow Jennie (Maples) Thomas married the widower John P. Fletcher.

(2) Moses Maples, Jr. was killed in the Civil War.

(3) Mary Maples married Robert J. Hodges, my mother's oldest brother. Mary was his second wife.

(4) Matilda (or Martha) Maples married first James (Guy) Evans. She married second Jobe Wells, who lived near Aspel.

(5) Jackson Maples went west. No record.

(6) Queen Elizabeth Maples married William Fletcher.

(7) Marion Maples went to Little Rock, Arkansas. He was living there in 1931.

WILLIAM MAPLES

William Maples bought 80 acres of land from his brother Isaac, lying at the north edge of Woodville. The deed was made September 12, 1834, by Isaac Maples and wife Elizabeth.

William owned a large tract of land, extending from near Aspel to Sauta Creek. He was the father of James B. Maples.

Dr. L. Derrick old home in old Woodville, built 100 years ago. It is the only building that remains of a thriving town in 1850. Mrs. Filey Woodall lives in it.

William moved to Texas in 1860, lived to be 100 years old, and reared a large family.

JOHN P. FLETCHER

John P. Fletcher (-1865) was born near Jonesborough East Tennessee. He was in the Seminole War in Florida and came to Woodville at an early date. He married first Ann Derrick, a daughter of Henry Derrick, and a sister of Dr. L. Derrick. They lived east of the Woodville High School at the south of the lane on the east side of the road.

John P. Fletcher was a brother of Capt. James Fletcher and a half brother of Bud Fletcher.

To this union seven children were born. Three died in infancy and were buried just west of Old Woodville. Mrs. Ann Fletcher died, and at her request, was buried in her lettuce bed in her garden. The four orphan children were: Riley, Bud, Frances, and Catherine Fletcher. The rock-mound near the teachers home is her grave.

Mr. Fletcher then married the widow Jennie (Maples) Thomas, who had three children, Harvey, Jr., William, and Catherine Thomas.

Fletcher moved to the place north of Woodville on the east side of the road where Pete F. Maples now lives. To this union seven children were born: (a) Mary M., (b) Wesley Jerd, (c) John (d) Sarah E., (e) Sucky, (f) Zora Melissa, (g) Lydia H. Fletcher.

RILEY J. FLETCHER, SON OF JOHN C. FLETCHER AND GRANDSON OF JOHN P. FLETCHER

There were seven children in the family of Johnie C. Fletcher, and wife (Caroline Bowers) Fletcher. Three sons, Joseph Masten, Riley Jordan, and Jesse Engrum. Two daughters, Alice Louise (Mrs. Charlie Phillips) and Lila Jane Fletcher, living to maturity. Riley J. Fletcher is the only survivor. He has been a Regular Missionary Baptist preacher for 53 years. Most of his ministerial services have been in Texas. He is still active in the ministry doing mission work and preaching every Sunday. He was born, August 3, 1875. He has a wife, two sons, E. Truam Fletcher, a business man, Marietta, Georgia. Riley Eugene Fletcher, a law student in Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Also one daughter in-law and one grandson, Dan Fletcher, Marietta, Georgia.

OTHER SETTLERS

David Kennamer and wife Amy (Killingsworth) Kennamer made a deed to 80 acres of land west of the High School to Richard Thompson Hodges in May 1835.

Stephen Wesley (Steve) Thomas, son of J. M. and Sarah Elizabeth Derrick Thomas, b. April 14, 1861; died April 27, 1927., m. March 22, 1883, Mary Catherine Maples, daughter of Fletcher and Martha Parkhill Maples b. March 15, 1867; died November 21, 1949. Lived on farm, in Thomas Cove. Moved to Woodville and was in mercantile business one year, moving to Scottsboro in 1921 where they lived until death. They are buried in Union Cemetery; members of Primitive Baptist church at Pisgah since 1891. Democrats. Children: 1. W. Bentley Thomas b. March 24, 1884. 2. Lula Jane Thomas, b. March, 1886, single, has been a mother to the other members of the family. Worked in industrial plants until 1948, when she quit to stay at home with her mother. She is a member of Pisgah Primitive Baptist church since September, 1938. 3. Clara Ola Thomas, b. November 16, 1888, m. W. L. Miller. 4. James Alva, b. Jan. 2, 1892, d. Nov. 8, 1919, m. Callie Yarbrough. 5. Robt. Lee, b. August 7, 1894, m. Allie Knight. 6. Eva Mae, b. August 25, 1896, d. same day. 7. Joseph Earl, b. August 8, 1897, m. Minnie Crabtree. 8. Henry L. b. May 18, 1900, m. Vida Hodges. 8. Lela Maude, b. June 10, 1903. Single. Graduate Jackson County high school, went to Florence, taught last 17 years. Primitive Baptist since 1938. 9. Mary E. Thomas b. September 5, 1905, single, educated at Scottsboro, Florence and Dothan, Ala., taught school, secretarial work at Alabama Bedspread Co., Scottsboro, since 1933.

Alfred Derrick sold Pleasant Hodges 80 acres just south of Thompson Hodges' purchase February 1835. This property is where S. H. or Brud Kennamer lived so long.

William Bowers settled at the Oscar Thomas place one mile west of Woodville near the railroad crossing. These three parties, William Bowers, Pleasant Hodges, and Thompson Hodges acquired practically all the land from the Henry Derrick land near the High School, all the way to the railroad, one mile west of town.

John P. Hawkins who married Lucy Hodges, sister of Thompson, Pleasant, and Willis Hodges, Sr. settled where Hubert Butler lives near the Marshall-Jackson County line. He was Justice of Peace and built and ran a grist mill.

Willis Hodges settled a little farther south at the place now owned by Willie O. Butler, and known as the William Boshart place. Ellison Phillips who married Lucinda Butler, eldest daughter of Samuel Butler, Sr. lived there until death.

James W. Bulman came here from Georgia and lived a few years where Mrs. Emma Elkins now lives near the J. T. Hodges shop at the cross roads. The Baptist preacher, George W. Bulman, was born there. This place is known as the Sam Phillips place. James W. Bulman moved to the John Lee place where he reared his family. This place has since been known as the Bulman place. It is now owned by S. E. Kennamer.

George Lee lived where Sam H. Kennamer now lives. It has been known as the Pleas Hodges place. Both these homes are in Marshall County.

Moses Smith emigrated from Kentucky to Maysville, Madison County, Alabama in 1814. He soon moved to the place about four miles east of Woodville, known as the Chastain place, later known as the M. A. Hodges home.

Jabez Perkins, the Primitive Baptist preacher, came with Smith and settled at the William Barclay place where Fred Hodges lives. Perkins sold it to McCullough, and McCullough sold to Barclay. William Barclay built the mill that bears his name. He lived here to a ripe old age, and was buried near his home.

Sampson Wilder emigrated from East Tennessee to Kentucky and then came to Alabama and settled four miles east of Woodville near the Jackson-Marshall County line in 1835. This place has been known as the Joe Parkhill place, or Albert Butler, Verbon Page, Chester Keel. and now Kenneth Hodges place. He moved to Tennessee Valley where he and his wife are buried near the Jackson-Marshall County line.

His son Joab Wilder came with his father and settled

at Silas Woodall's place near Mount Olivet. Joab built the houses that are still standing. Silas Woodall, Sr. married Ally Wilder, Joab's eldest daughter.

William L. Page made his home on the ridge between the late Robert C. Page and William E. Elkins homes. This place joined the Allen Kennamer farm on the west. He and his wife Permelia Barden (Aunt Duck) Hodges Page lived here until death.

James Allen Kennamer, son of Jacob Kennamer of Sugar Creek, married Matilda Maples, daughter of Moses Maples. They lived here thirty one years, reared twelve children, and then moved to Texas. Their home was about three miles south-east of Woodville.

CHAPTER 3

COTTON COVE

This cove is named for Capt. James Cotton, the Revolutionary soldier, who came here from Madison County, Alabama. He was born in Guilford County, North Carolina, in October 1765. He married Nancy Johnston December 20, 1786. One of their daughters Tabitha Allen Cotton born February 3, 1801, married Henry Lewis of near Woodville about 1818.

A son Wiley Cotton married Elvira Ann Dillard, the eldest daughter of Doctor Francis Lee Dillard. Wiley Cotton died leaving the widow with three children to rear. She married Dr. Ira Goff Wood. Their children were as follows: (1) Francis E. (Frank) Cotton, (2) Margaret Cotton married John W. Parks, (3) John Cotton.

ADAMS

Mr. Adams married Mary Jane Stephens, a sister of William Stephens who settled at Stephens' Gap. They reared two sons. One was named James Adams. He married Mary Maples, daughter of Moses Maples. He was killed while serving in the Confederate army. Mr. Adams, Sr. built one of the first houses in Cotton Cove. When he cut the canebrake to clear the place to erect his house, three bears ran out of the cane across this cleared spot. He died in 1833. His widow married Old Isaac Grizzle, Sr., the grandfather of Isaac Grizzle who lived on the farm northwest of Woodville one mile. This farm was owned by John Grizzle, son of Old Isaac Grizzle, and was the father of Isaac Grizzle. John bought this farm for $100.00. The writer bought this same farm at auction sale in 1911, paying $605.00. It was sold by the heirs of Doctor L. Derrick estate.

Isaac Grizzle, son of John, married Mary Jane Cambron, daughter of "Laddy Buck" Cambron.

"Laddy Buck" Cambron and wife Old Lady Cambron lived across the river from Paint Rock near the Kennamer farm. After Mr. Cambron's death the widow and children moved to the Nerva Adams' place in Cotton Cove. Their children were as follows:

(1) Tol Cambron married Nancy Law, sister of Pate Law. Tol got shot in the ankle while serving in the Confederate Army. This made him a cripple for life. They moved to Arkansas.

(2) Nerva Cambron married William (or Bill) Tims.
(3) Meredith Cambron married Lucy Baxter.
(4) Mary Jane Cambron married Isaac Grizzle.
(5) Mack Grizzle died of poison oak when a lad.

MOONYHAM

Isaac Grizzle's maternal grandmother was a Moonyham who came here from Richmond, Virginia. She was blind in her old days. She lived at the Jerd Fletcher place one half mile east of Woodville. When she died the water was so high she was carried to Woodville on a handcar on the railroad and then hauled to Union Cemetery for burial.

The Sutton-Stephens reservation occupied the greater part of Cotton Cove.

A large tract of land situated at the Spout Spring is known as the Joseph Elliott reservation. This reservation contained 1228 acres. I understand these tracts of land were retained by certain Cherokee Indians when this territory was ceded to the government.

McComb first settled the place now owned by H. C. Cobb. He built a house and dug a well near the railroad on the east. This place is about two miles northeast of Woodville, where Johnson Elliott lives. Rufus H. Jones lived here in 1851. His eldest son, Joe Billy Jones was born here.

All this land was owned by "Judge" Moore, whose dwelling was near the Spout Spring. Mr. Moore owned several negro slaves. He was living here in 1862, when Federal General Mitchell came through Jackson County along the railroad. Mr. Moore fled to south of the Tennessee River and never came back while the war lasted.

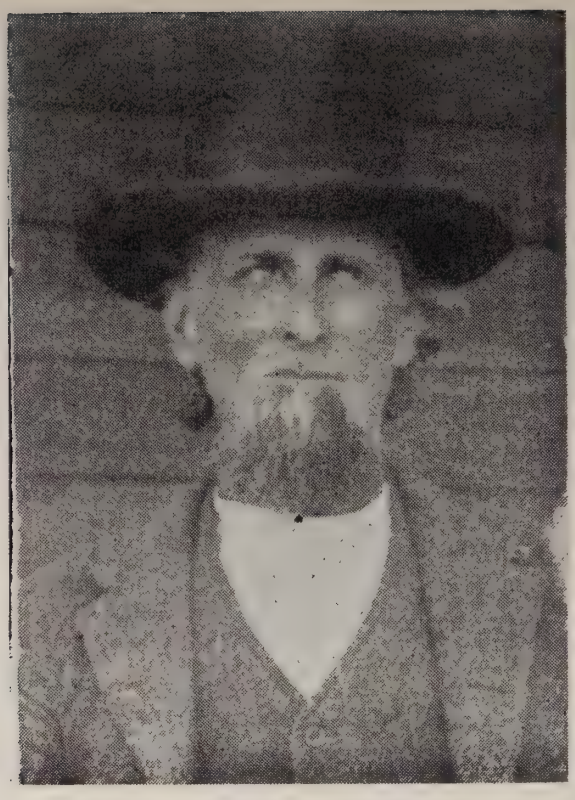
The following persons have owned this farm since the Civil War: Henry Dillard, John Henry, Jerry Brown and heirs of Henry, part by Joseph S. Whitaker and part by W. H. Woodall, now John W. Maples and H. C. Cobb.

John Henry died here November 3, 1883 of pneumonia. His wife was a Fennell. She died February 1880. Their children were: Frank, Walter, Wallace, and Elizabeth Henry. Elizabeth married Jerry Brown. They all went to Texas.

JOHN PETERS

John Peters came from Madison County near Maysville, Alabama and settled near Stephens' Gap. He built his home near where the railroad runs. His son, Johnny Peters (1797-1888) married Biddie Murry (1815-1871). She was a sister of Simeon Houk's wife, Tobitha.

I. Johnny settled near the center of the cove. He was a very strong man. Their children were:



URIAH PETERS

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(1) Uriah Peters (1834-1899) married first a Davidson, second Amanda Isbell.

(2) Lucinda Peters married Bridger J. Tipton.

(3) J. M. (Bunt) Peters (1839-1923) married first Louisa T. Bowers, second A. (Wilhelm) Lemley.

(4) Jack Peters married a Belle. They moved to Mississippi.

(5) Bill Peters was killed by Yankee Scouts near the end of the war.

II. Henry Peters settled east of Stephens' Gap where Bill Houk lived. He emigrated to Texas.

III. Andy Peters settled on the west side of the cove. He sold his home place to Charley Stephens, who lived there many years. He and his wife willed the place to Henry D. Stephens, a nephew. Henry sold it to W. M. Houk. Houk sold it to George S. Butler.

WILLIAM W. PRUITT

The place one mile north of Woodville was first settled by William W. Pruitt, father of Hane Pruitt, and Modilla Jane Pruitt. She married Pleasant Woodall. William Pruitt married Nancy Jane Lewis, whose mother was a daughter of Capt. James Cotton.

The next record we have is William Dodson gave the money to his daughter, Eliza Bowers, wife of Luna Bowers, to buy this farm. Bowers sold it to Dr. Ira G. Wood. Wood sold it to David A. Thomas March 20, 1884. After two years Thomas sold it to Andrew J. Wann. Will Wann's widow, Mrs. Vida Wann sold it to Aubrey Peters, who sold it to Pleasant Earl Kennamer.

SIMEON HOUK

Simeon Houk was a Primitive Baptist preacher. He married Tobitha Murry, a sister of Biddie Murry, wife of Johnny or John Peters. Houk bought the Farr Hollow from Samuel Butler, Sr. and made his home here. He is buried in Peters' Cove Cemetery. He was the eldest son of Michael Houk and wife Lydia (Lemons) Houk. The latter settled in Shiffman's Cove.

BUTLER'S HOLLOW

Butler's Hollow is northwest of Woodville, and gets its name from Samuel Butler, Sr. who settled here at an early date. Samuel and wife Margaret Lemons Butler are the progenitors of all the Butlers in this part of the country. They reared eight sons and five daughters, namely:

(1) Canada Butler married Nancy Maples, a daughter of Edward (or Ned) Maples. Their descendants have lived mostly in Madison County, Ala.

(2) Lucinda Butler married Ellison Phillips.

(3) Samuel Butler married first Nancy Hall. They lived in Paint Rock Valley on Larkin's Creek. After the death of Nancy he married Mrs. Bobbie (Hinshaw) Hall.

(4) William Butler married first Mary Maples. After Mary's death he married Martha Moon. They all resided in Madison County near New Hope.

(5) Matilda Butler married James R. Elkins.

(6) John Butler, the Primitive Baptist preacher married first Sarah Maples, a daughter of Edward Maples, and sister of Nancy the wife of Canada Butler. His second wife was Martha Chandler. He lost his life from a broken leg caused by his team of horses running away. He died August 1883.

(7) Sarah Butler married James Hodges, son of Willis Hodges, Sr.

(8) Eliza Butler married first Robert Hawkins. Her second husband was Samuel Hall. They lived in Paint Rock Valley.

(9) George Butler married Nancy Adeline Kennamer. He was a Captain in the Confederate Army and was on his way home when he was killed.

(10) Hudson Butler married Lucy V. Hodges. They lived two miles south of Woodville near Little Paint Rock Creek bridge. Their four sons and daughters are still living, ages 72 years to 82 years.

(11) James Butler never married.

(12) Dan Butler never married. He had a store in Paint Rock at the beginning of the Civil War.

(13) Minerva Butler married Walk Erwin, son of Rubin Erwin, Sr. Clay Erwin was their son.

James Edward Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. L. Butler, was born March 31, 1916. He attended the elementary public school at Cedar Point, was graduated from high school New Hope, Ala., at the age of seventeen.

At the age of 14 he accepted Christ as his Savior and joined the Seventh Day Baptist church, remaining a member of that body until his becoming missing in World War II. He was deeply religious, his motto was "I shall never do anything for honor of people, but because it is right."

College education: Two years at Central State Teachers college of Edmond Okla., two years at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, 1935-37, Majoring in chemistry; got his M. A. at the university of Louisville, Ky., 1940; worked one year in Indiana.

War Service: Volunteered in the spring of 1941, in the American Air Force; went to England 1942. In October, he was sent with the First Air Force to the war area of North Africa. He, with three other fighter pilots, were sent on a reconoissance mission over the Tunisian area, and was reported missing in action November 28, 1942. After great effort by the Government and his many friends in the service he was declared on November 28, 1943 as deceased. He made a fine record as a soldier and a man.

Isham Wright settled at Wright's Spring in Wright's Cove at a very early date. He had two brothers who settled near Aspel. Isham was a prominent man and reared a large family.

Robert L. Butler, son of James E. Butler and Nancy Jane Nichols was born February 17, 1880. He was educated in Madison Co., Ala., Winchester Normal, and Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama. He has been a farmer since 1908. In 1915 he was married to Miss Almira Bottoms, daughter of Thomas J. and Talula Gilbert Bottoms, of Athens, Ala. Mrs. Butler received her education in the elementary schools of Cullman Co., Limestone Co. high school, Jacksonville State Teacher's college, and Alabama college. Mr. and Mrs. Butler are the parents of four sons and four daughters The three other oldest children are married, Nancilu, (Mrs Victor A. Boudick) living in Buffalo, N. Y. Ruth (Mrs. Frank V. Potts) living in Florence, Ala. and Robert Jr. living on the farm. Four children are yet single, the youngest daughter a freshman in college.

LEWIS PAGE

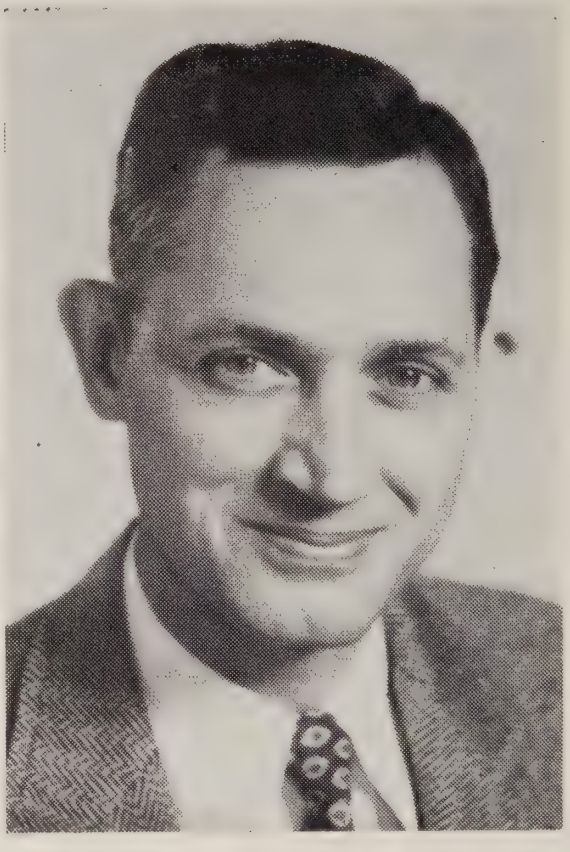
Lewis Page is the progenitor of all the Pages in this part of the state. Many of his descendants are living in Texas and Oklahoma. He was born in Virginia in 1784.

He married first, Nancy Hodges, November 21, 1805, in Goochland County, Virginia. His wife was a sister of my grandfather, Pleasant Hodges. Soon after marriage they emigrated to Madison County, Alabama. Nancy was the mother of four girls and one boy. She died September 17, 1817, and was buried in Madison County.

Lewis married Rebecca Thomas Jones, January 4, 1819. To this union eight children were born. They came to Kennamer Cove in 1832, and settled in the Page Hollow 1835. Lewis married the third time Mrs. Nancy (Riggins) Elkins July 30, 1839. She was the widow of Eli Elkins. She had seven children and Lewis had seven children all under 18 years old in one family under the same roof—and eight of them boys.

Children by first marriage were: Matilda Johnson, Elizabeth Simpson, Harriet and John Johnson Page and Eusebia Ann Page, who was four days old when her mother died.

Children by second marriage were: Prudence Jones. Mary Sturdivant, James Thomas, William Lewis. Martha Jane, Eliza Rebecca, Sarah Virginia, and Richard Robert Page. The latter was only one day old when his mother died.



Lewis Wendell Page, born April 20, 1917. Education — Finished Woodville high school 1935 B. S. Florence State Teachers College 1941; M. A. George Peabody college 1949.

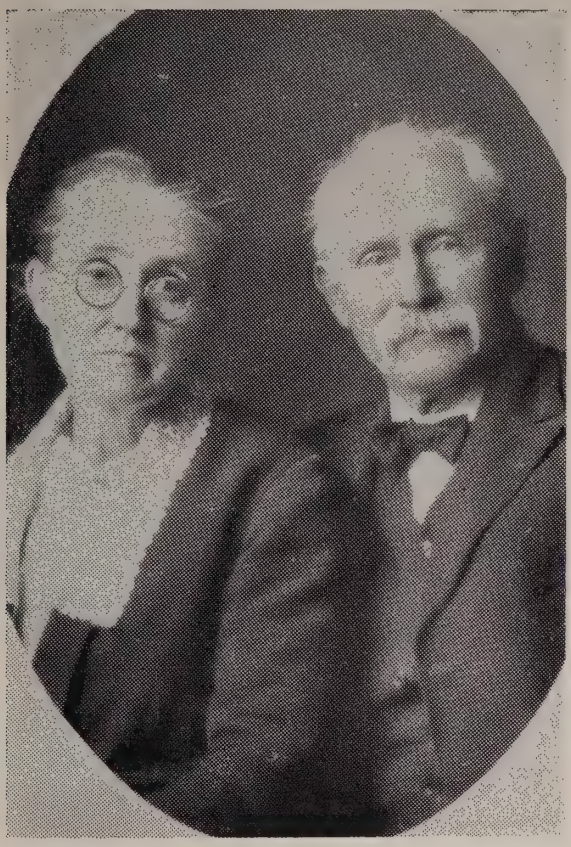
Taught in public schools of Jackson county for 11 years.—Teacher of World History and Geography, Jackson county high school, Scottsboro, Ala. for past four years—Served with U. S. Army Signal Corps in World War II—Married Elizabeth Parks of Scottsboro, 1940.

One son, Lewis Wendell, Jr.

May 18, 1838. The children by the third marriage were: Nacy Wilborn Page. He did not live to be grown.

HANS KENNAMER

Hans Kennamer and family came to Madison County, Alabama in 1807 from South Carolina. His sons, Samuel and Stephen bought land in Madison County at the first land sale in 1809. Hans, with two or three married sons came with their families to Kennamer's Cove not later than the year 1815. One well informed descendant said "they came to Kennamer Cove in 1798." Their children were as follows:



David Gilbreath Kennamer (1857-1934) was the youngest son of David Kennamer, Sr., and Elizabeth Chandler, daughter of Robert Chandler and wife Nancy (Mobley) Chandler. He married, September 10, 1885, Delura A. Woodall, (1867-1931), the youngest daughter of Pleasant Woodall and Jane Pruitt. Delura was a good woman and a great mother. D. G. was a farmer, Justice of Peace— a well read man. Children, Flora Ella, Herbert E., Pleasant Earl, Cora Eva, Lillie Mae, Orville Lesco, Loma Nitice, Alton O'Neal, and Margie Cleo Kennamer. They were Primitive Baptists, lived and died in Kennamer Cove.

(1) Priscilla Kennamer married John Lemley in South Carolina.

(2) Jacob Kennamer.

(3) Jesse Kennamer.

(4) Hans Kennamer, Jr.

(5) Mary Kennamer.

(6) Samuel Kennamer married Susannah Boshart.

(7) Stephen Kennamer married Rebecca Boshart and Jane Busby.

(8) John Kennamer married Charlotte Jones.

(9) Susan Kennamer married John Hill.

(10) — daughter — no record.

(11) David Kennamer married first Sally Boshart and second Amy Killingworth.

(12) Abraham Kennamer married Mary Hoke.

(13) Rachel Kennamer married L. D. Boshart.

(14) Levi Kennamer married Nancy Agnes Busby.

(15) Zacheus Kennamer married Mollie Woodall.

William L. Kennamer, third son of Stephen D, and Eliza J. Evans Kennamer, b. March 14, 1873; m. Jan. 24, 1897, Mary Ellen Thomas b. Jun. 14, 1877. Children: Sons—Ovid A., Otis P., Olen T., and Kenneth A. Kennamer; daughters—Vinita Estelle, Ruth Beatrice, Margie Lucille Kennamer. All married and doing well. W. L. farmed and ran a sawmill, and for the last 47 years has been a building contractor. He resides in Oklahoma City 124—N. E. 5th St.

It is a fact that Hans Kennamer lived in Kennamer Cove; Isham Wright lived in Wright's Cove; John Peters lived in Peter's Cove; Henry Derrick lived at Old Woodville; Samuel Butler, Sr. lived in Butler's Hollow and Captain James Cotton lived in Cotton Cove ten to fifteen years among the Cherokee Indians without a shadow of land title from the U. S. Government.

THE CHANDLER FAMILY

Old Robert (or Bobbie) Chandler came and settled in the Northern part of Kennamer Cove near the Chandler Spring. He and Jabez Perkins came here together, both were Primitive Baptist preachers. Mr. Chandler was uneducated, and had some one read his Bible text when he preached. His wife was Nancy Mobley. Their children were as follows:

(1) Martha Chandler (1816-1884) married Nathaniel Kennamer, (1810-1887).

John Walon Kennamer, b. December 30, 1875 in Kennamer Cove. Youngest son of Stephen D., and Jane (Evans) Kennamer. Married 1895, Nora C. McDonough. Five of their eight children, eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren are living. He attended school in Kennamer Cove and Green Academy; worked two years in coal mines at Aldich, Ala., began work in 1898 on Southern railroad. In July 1916, he began work for the T. C. I., and was transferred to the Bessemer Pullman Plant in 1928, where he retired at the age of 66. He is living in St. Petersburg, Fla. He is a Mason and a member of the Christian church.

(2) Elizabeth Chandler (1817-1902) married David Kennamer, (1814-1883).

(3) Jimmie Chandler married Nancy Clementine Friar. Their child was Nancy Susan Chandler and she married Charley Stearnes.

(4) Elias (or Elijah) Chandler married Rebecca Kennamer, daughter of Sam Kennamer, Sr. Their child was George David Chandler.

(5) George Chandler married Louisa Hodges. They had a girl named Sallie. She died single, age 30.

The Robert Chandler home place was sold at a mortgage sale in 1871. David Kennamer, my father, and Jacob L. Kennamer bought it and divided it between them.

THE DILLARD FAMILY

The Dillards lost a great deal in the war. Their slaves were freed, their home was burned and they had only the vast land estate left.

Old Woodville was built on land first owned by Henry Derrick. The present town of Woodville is on land first owned by Dr. Francis L. Dillard, also the land south and west of the town.

The deed records show many sales of land by the Dillards from 1854, when the town began to build up on account of the railroad coming here, till the 1880ties.

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Dillard, the widow, made many deeds to lots and larger tracts of land.

Edward D. Dillard as an administrator also made several sales of land.

Mrs. Dillard made a deed to the Memphis and Charleston Railway Company to the Depot lot for consideration of $1.00. She made a deed to the Citizens of Woodville for one-half acre for a school lot for consideration of $5.00. She died at the home of Elvira Ann Wood, her eldest daughter. They lived at the James Wilbourn place north of town. She had lost about all the property she once had.

WILEY ERWIN FAMILY

We do not know when Wiley Erwin came to Woodville, or where he came from. He was married three times. Who his first wife was we do not know. She was the mother of Richard M. or (Dick) Erwin and Emma Erwin who married Pete Whitecotton. Wiley had a brother named Rubin or Rube Erwin. He lived beyond Stephens' Gap in Shiffman's Cove.

Wiley Erwin married the second time Emma Whitecotton. She was a daughter of Old James Whitecotton. To this union one son and two daughters were born.

(1) Martha Erwin born February 17, 1866, near Woodville. She married John Ed. Maples, born February 12, 1866. He was a railroad agent for many years.

(2) Sally Erwin married Perry Hampton Edwards.

(3) A son little Walk Erwin got burned on the neck and face.

Emma (Whitecotton) Erwin died and Wiley married a third time the widow Malinda McNatt. She was the mother of Dave and Tom McNatt. She lived to be 90 years old. Wiley and family moved to near the Spout Spring. He died where David Hall later lived. Erwin had sold whiskey so long and drank so much he died with a convulsion.

His widow moved to the south end of the long lane on the west side. After living here a while she moved to Poplar Ridge in Madison County, Alabama.

Richard M. (Dick) Erwin, the eldest son of Wiley Erwin married Sallie Phillips, daughter of Ellison Phillips and Lucinda Butler. He, like his father, bought and sold different lots or tracts of land in and about Woodville. Their children were as follows:

(1) Frank Erwin married Tommie Miller.

(2) John Erwin married Sedora Williams.

(3) Emily Erwin—single.

(4) Richard Erwin married Alice Sloan. He was killed in the Paint Rock Cyclone in 1932.

(5) Wade Erwin married Lillie Redman.

Rube Erwin, Sr. who lived beyond Stephens' Gap had sons as follows: Tom, Rube, Jr., Joe, Alonzo, Forest, and Walk Erwin. The latter married Minerva Butler, youngest daughter of Sam Butler, Sr. Walk Erwin died of T.B. leaving two sons, John and Clay Erwin.

Maggie, daughter of Old Rube married a Helsey. Tom Erwin got killed. Rube, Jr. married and went to Texas. His wife died and he came back here and married a widow, Tint Derrick, who had two sons and two daughters.

THE LEWIS FAMILIES

There were two Lewis families living near Woodville, not related.

Samuel Lewis was born in Halifax County, Virginia in 1791. He came to New Port, East Tennessee and married Susan Layman. They reared a large family. The father, Samuel, and 2 sons, Daniel M. and Anderson Vincent Lewis are buried in Union Cemetery near Woodville. William C. Lewis was section Foreman and merchant in Woodville and moved to Fort Worth, Texas. (1) His son Fatte Lewis married Snow

Stephens. They moved to Texas. (2) A daughter, Kate Lewis married William Derrick.

James M. Lewis (1843-1933) married Sarah C. Stephens, sister of Snow and Henry D. Stephens. Anderson V. Lewis (1851-1886) married Caldonia Kennamer (1851-1913) daughter of Abram Kennamer and Elizabeth Hodges.

The other Lewis family was Henry Lewis, Sr., who lived about three miles east of Woodville. He was born in Kentucky, came here and married Tabitha Allen Cotton, the daughter of James Cotton, the Revolutionary Soldier. Their children were: Wiley, Grant, Allen, Henry Jefferson Lewis, who married Mary Wilder, Nancy Jane Lewis married four times. First Willis W. Pruitt, father of Hane Pruitt and Jane Pruitt, second Minas C. Dwyer, third George Carmichael, and fourth Jonathan Beason.

THE WHITECOTTON FAMILY

James Whitecotton came from Virginia and settled on the side of the mountain northeast of Woodville, about a mile as the crow flies. This place was later known as the Ike Will's place. He married a Turner, a sister of Mary Turner, wife of Bud Fletcher. They had five sons and two daughters. The sons' names were Pete, Hy, Jim, Vol, and Dea Whitecotton.

Emma Whitecotton became the second wife of Wiley W. Erwin, Sr. The other daughter was named Jennie.

There are many things that could be said truthfully about this family that might better be left to sleep in the dust of oblivion.

When under the influence of liquor they were dangerous, turbulent and cruel men. Pete Whitecotton killed Mack Whitworth without a just cause. He was a terror to the Union and also the Confederate families during the war. He was shot and killed near Red Hill in Marshall County near the close of the war.

Hy and Jim Whitecotton were killed June 24, 1869 at the Masonic picnic in the great fight with Pleas and Dave Woodall. Both were shot by bystanders like mad dogs.

The father, James Whitecotton and W. H. Bradley got into a fight and had it not been for his long whiskers, which it is claimed, Whitecotton would have cut Bradley's throat.

Whitecotton was sent to the penetentiary in the spring of 1870 for four years. He was paroled with the condition that he leave the state. He joined the other members of the family who had already gone to Texas. The people of this community were greatly relieved.

WILLIAM H. STEPHENS

William Stephens came from North Carolina and settled in Peter's Cove at Stephen's Gap. He was the father of eight sons, no daughters.

(1) James H. Stephens married Martha Susan Roden.
(2) William Green Stephens married Maria Jane Derrick.
(3) Charlie Stephens married Tobitha Tipton.
(4) Marian Stephens—no record.
(5) Whit Stephens married a Baker.
(6) Van Stephens—no record.
(7) Dan Stephens—no record.
(8) One son, name not known, died young.

Percy Dennis Wilson, son of William Jordan and Sallie Isbell Wilson (daughter of Jesse W. Isbell), was born near Woodville, Alabama, January 6, 1895. Educated in the public schools of Jackson County, Florence State Normal School, Jacksonville State Teachers College, Birmingham-Southern College and Emory University. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Birmingham-Southern College, 1932. The same institution bestowed the Doctor of Divinity degree upon him in 1948.

Beginning in January, 1913, he taught in the public schools of Jackson, Madison, Marshall and St. Clair counties. He served in the army, July to December, 1918, being assigned to the 36th Regiment of the Coast Artillery.

In 1922 he entered the itinerant ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (now a constituent part of the Methodist Church). He served the following pastorates: Edwardsville, Ohatchee, Spring Garden, Bluff Park Patton's Chapel, Fulton Springs Twenty-First Avenue (Birmingham), Childersburg, Carrollton, Irondale, Carbon Hill, LaFayette, Guntersville, Alexander City, and Decatur First. In addition he was District Superintendent of the Anniston District, 1945-49.

He is a Mason, a Civitan, member of Omicron Delta Kappa fraternity, Eta Sigma Phi (Classical Society,) and Pi Tau Chi.

He married Era Hodges, daughter of Monroe A. and Addie Chastain Hodges, September 26, 1915. To them were born, Grace (who married Aubrey Hancock) and Ruby, R. N., a graduate of the University of Alabama and of Charity Hospital Nursing School, New Orleans.

ANDREW J. WILSON FAMILY

Andrew J. Wilson was born December 8, 1838 in Maynard's Cove. His father, Thomas Wilson was born in North Carolina, reared in east Tennessee, and settled on Mud Creek, Jackson County, Alabama. He lived to be 93 years old.

Andrew Wilson married at Woodville in 1860, Nancy Ann Evans (1841-1894). Eleven children were born to this union. Five died in infancy before three months of age.

(1) John Thomas Wilson (1863-1898) married Lydie Susan Duke. Susan married Stuart Evans. They had twins, Elizabeth and Helen Evans.

(2) William Jordan Wilson born November 22, 1868 married first Sallie M. Isbell 1892. Nine children were born. Four died very young. Percy D. Wilson born Jan. 6, 1895, Jesse Andrew, Willie Ruth, Hugh Isbell, and Fannie B. Wilson are living. His wife died in 1911. Mr. Wilson married Laura Butler in 1912.

(3) Maria Rebecca Wilson (1871-1893).

(4) Samuel Albert Wilson born March 12, 1874.

(5) Anna Laura Wilson married Thomas Battles.

(6) Dallas H. Wilson married first Annie Lou Berry and second Nettie Sanders.

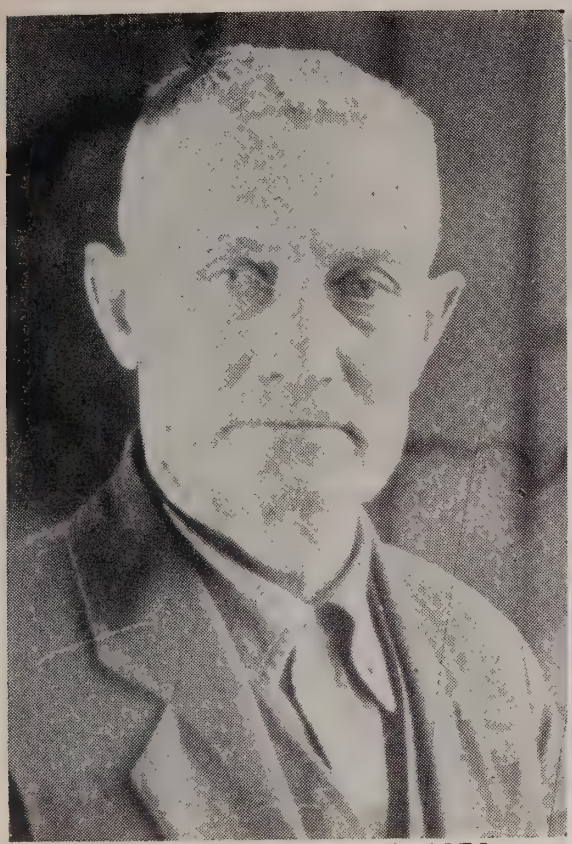
Andrew Wilson married the second time the widow Walker in 1897. One child, Ina Lucy Wilson was born to them. They moved to Texas in 1901. Mr. Wilson lacked only a few months of being 100 years old at death.

CHAPTER 4

LIFE IN THE PIONEER'S DAY

The pioneer had very few conveniencies. They settled back in the coves or on the mountains and built log cabins. Sometimes they built two rooms of logs with an open hall between with a chimney at each end of the house. The chimney had a large wide fireplace where the cooking was done. Some houses were built with a large stack chimney in between two large rooms. In such a dwelling John Henry Evans reared a large family. It was situated on the ridge a little south of Old Woodville near the place where Memphis Nobles lives. They carried water to use from the gum spring down near the creek. If a dwelling was within one or two hundred yards of a spring or well, and it usually down below the dwelling, it was considered to be close enough.

There are many things in use today the pioneer family



Clay Evans, b. March 16, 1876; m. Annie Whitaker, b. Oct. 17, 1888, daughter of John Harvey Whitaker and Vina Jane Ikard. Clay is a son of John Evans and Elizabeth Stephens. He is a farmer and stock raiser. To this union were born four sons and eight daughters — all living. I never saw as many fine looking daughters in one family. Names according to age: Mamie, Elsie, Henry, Rayford, Ethel, Erskine, Estelle, Emma, Eula, Frances, Rachel and Bill.

did not have. They didn't have a sewing machine, cookstove, coal-oil, or lamps. They had no galvanized or aluminum cook vessels of any kind. The earliest settlers had no glass windows. They had only small windows with wooden shutters.

Walter G. Evans: b, April 10, 1888. m. Jan. 10, 1915. Margaret Alice Wright, b. June 15, 1893. Walter worked nine years at the Huntsville Arsenal in the boiler department. Children: Brooks was in the Air Corps, killed in Europe. Opel, Mary Ruth, W. G., Jr., Imogene, Donald, Fred and Carl Evans. W. G. Jr. is in Air Corps stationed at Boston. Donald is in the Navy. Fred is in the regular Army.

For light they used tallow candles, pine knots and a thread wick laid one end in grease. I have seen my mother mold tallow candles.

If the fire went out one would often have to go to the nearest neighbor, and that was sometimes quite a distance, for a chunk of fire or a few coals to start it. They had no matches.

They had no glass jars to preserve fruit; at first beeswax was used to seal small stone jars, next came glass jars with tops to last one year only, and then the Ball Mason jars like we have now.

The pioneer usually settled near a spring, but if they dug a well, it was dug by hand drills with blasting powder, as they did not have dynamite. His diet was simple. He had a little honey and maple syrup or sugar which he made from the water of the sugar tree.

It was in the late 1840ties before anyone here grew sorghum cane to make molasses. This cane was ground on a mill with wooden rollers that made a noise that could be heard quite a distance. The juice was boiled in iron kettles. The molasses were dark but sweet.

Later people got steel-roller mills to grind the cane and boiled the juice in galvanized or copper pans.

Dr. L. Derrick bought the first steel-roller mill used in the Woodville community.

My father, David Kennamer and James W. Bulman bought the first up-to-date sorghum mill with a copper pan used in Kennamer Cove. This copper pan would cost quite a sum now, but one can make better molasses on such a pan than on any other kind of pan.

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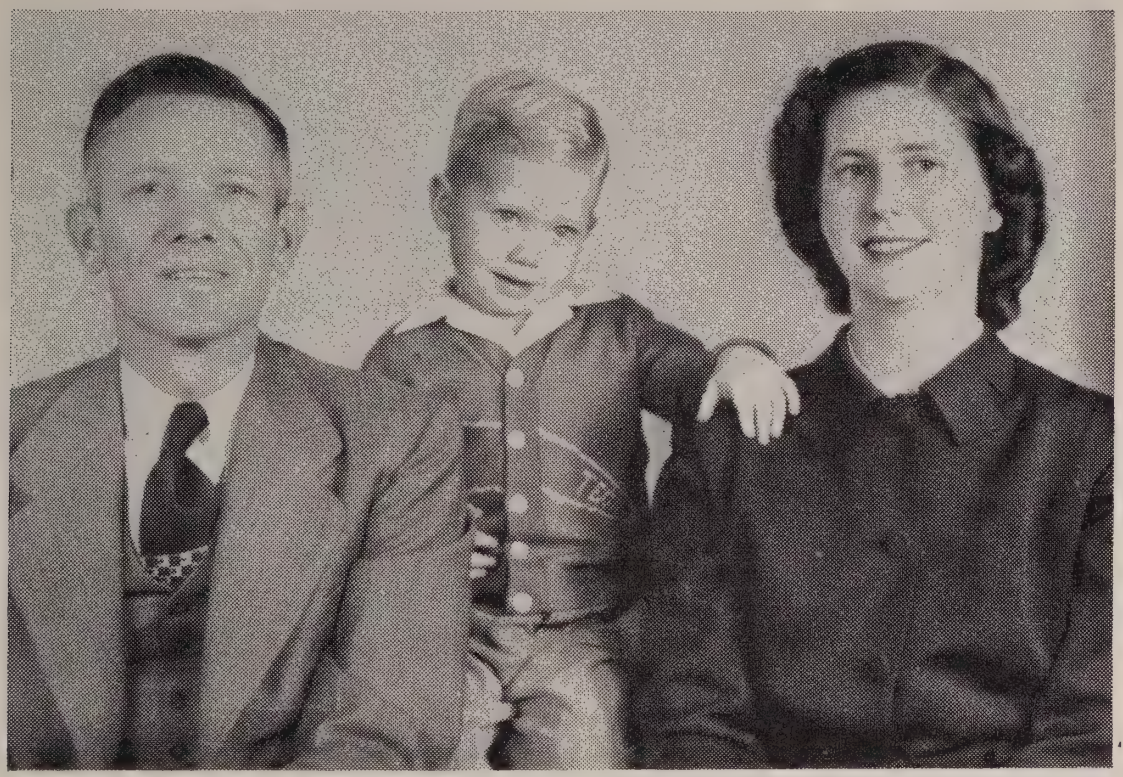
The pioneers, both men and women, rode horseback, often with one child in the lap and another behind. Sometimes they would travel in an ox wagon.

For fifty years the local hauling was done with oxen hitched to a wagon with a wooden axle, or as we sometimes called it a tar-pole wagon.

For long distance hauling, such as goods from Nashville, Tennessee, horses were used. The stage-coaches were drawn by four horses with the driver sitting on the front of the



Henry H. Evans, son of Clay and Annie (Whitaker) Evans, b. March 28, 1909, at Woodville, Ala., m. October 17, 1942 Iva Maples daughter of Hugh Ed and Lillie Maples of Hollytree, Ala., b. November 17, 1914. Education: High School Woodville, attended Florence S. T. C., served in the Army Signal Corps. now connected with the Forestry Division of T. V. A., Sheffield, Ala., member of Masonic Lodge of Florence. Iva completed high school at Scottsboro, Ala. Child —James H. Evans, b. February 18 1946, Sheffield, Ala.

stagecoach. The streams both large and small were unbridged. The small ones were forded and the large ones were crossed by a ferry.

WOMEN WORK

The women and the girls had a much harder time then than they do in, this day of modern conveniences. They had sewing needles and knitting needles, a spinning wheel, a reel, and a loom. All the foregoing articles were used to make the wool of the sheep into wearing apparel for all the members of the family.

They made the soap they used from lye and grease. This lye was made from pouring water on wood ashes always kept in an ash hopper in the yard or near the home. They had

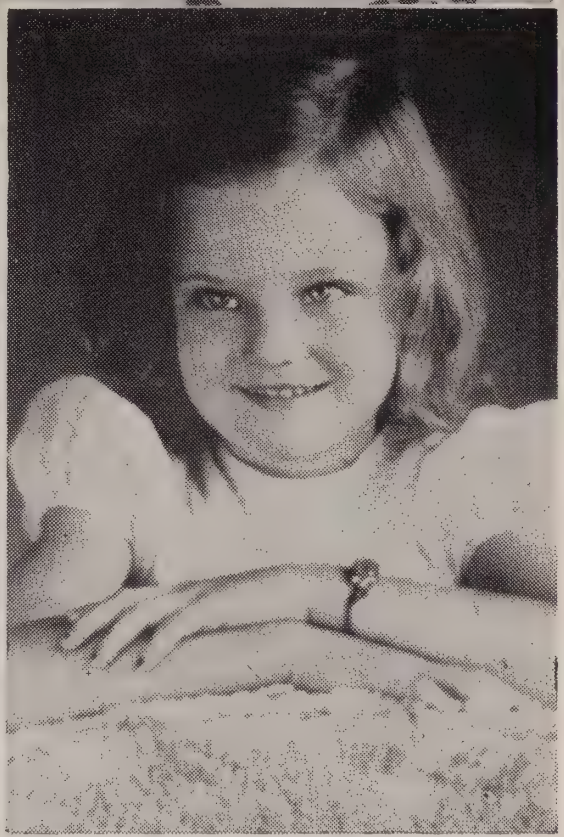
Miss Eula Clay Evans, daughter of Clay and Annie Evans, graduated from Woodville high school in 1940. Graduated from Crawford W. Long School of Nursing in 1944. She studied anesthesia a year at Charity hospital in New Orleans, returning in Sept. 1945 to Crawford W. Long hospital, where she has been chief anesthetist ever since. The bed capacity of this hospital is six hundred and fifty; with a daily operation of about forty-five to fifty. She attended the University of Georgia Evening school in 1949 was made president of the class of sixty students.

no washboards much less a washing machine as women have today. They used a battling stick or paddle about two and one-half feet long, to beat the dirt out of the clothes.

The cooking was done in an open fireplace. They had but few vessels. They had a skillet for frying, an oven for baking and a pot for boiling.

Their table-ware consisted of a few dishes, plates, knives and forks and spoons made of pewter, a metal never seen now. It was composed of tin and lead with a little copper.

The homes were not screened. The common house fly



Ethel Elizabeth Evans, Born September 16, 1912. Graduate of Woodville high school. Married March 1, 1940 to Raul O'Vares of Havana, Cuba, Mr. O'Vares has been with the Atlanta Baseball Club since 1936. They have two daughters, Anna Mariea O'Vares born March 5, 1943. Ethel Alicia O'Vares born June 11, 1945. The O'Vares reside at 629 Barnett Street, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia.

was much more numerous then than they are now. They had no fly spray, no fly swatters nor other means to kill them, except what each house wife could make. A little later fly traps and sticky paper could be bought.

To keep the flies from getting the first helping of gravy, custard or other victuals, one had to have a peach tree limb, or a cane with slits of paper fastened on the end, used by some member of the family to keep the flies away from the table.

If a member of the family became ill, the flies were the most constant attendant, and many a weary hour was spent by some loved one in minding them off the patient.

All members of the household used the same gourd or dipper to drink water, kept in one vessel, except in sickness. People thought T. B. was inherited and not catching. They knew nothing of germs. A small school used one bucket with one or two dippers or gourds. If the school was large two buckets and two or more dippers were used. It was the same on the trains. Separate or individual drinking cups or founts had not yet come into use.

It was the custom to close all doors and windows at night to keep out the night air. They thought the night air unhealthy.

When animals died they were dragged off and the buzzards had a feast.

I heard of one incident where a cow died near a school house. The school was moved out under the shade of a big oak tree rather than move the cow.

Hygiene and sanitation have made great improvement in the health of the people in the last half century. The span of life has doubled.

Screen wire was first used here near the close of the last century—within the lifetime of many now living. If we had advanced morally and spiritually as we have materially, this world would be a better place in which to live.

LIFE IN PIONEER DAYS

Cigarettes were unknown here. Smoking was indulged mostly by a few aged women, who used a cob pipe, lit with a coal of fire. Those who used tobacco raised it.

Matches could not be had for several years after this country was settled, and when they came on the market, they were high in price.

Matches have been in use to start a fire only about a century. They were made on a thread at first, put up one or two dozen in a tin box to sell for ten cents; later they used

This Picture of Woodville 1915, one hundred years after Henry Derrick settled Old Woodville in 1815.

wood instead of thread. None were used unless absolutely needed. I have twisted strips of paper to light the lamps to save matches.

The present generation knows nothing of what it means to save and economize like our pioneers had to do.

No one had ice, unless he got a little in midwinter frozen by nature.

Cold drinks were never seen, with the possible exception of lemonade. The first bottled drinks brought to Woodville came in cases that held three dozen. To open them one had to strike the top with the palm of the hand and it would pop open-hence the name soda-pop.

Erskin Evans, son of Clay and Annie Whitaker Evans, b. June 5, 1914. m. April 6, 1943, Eva Mae Phillips, b. Jan. 19, 1918, daughter of Leslie and Betty (Blankenship) Phillips. They are employed at the General Shoe Corp., Huntsville, Ala. Erskin served in the Navy 1937-1945, aboard the U. S. S. Cruiser Quincy, Battleship Wyoming and 5 years on U. S. S. Battleship New York. Saw service both in the Atlantic and Pacific.

Frances Evans Bynum — "On November 16, 1921, I was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clay Evans, appearing as the seventh daughter and tenth child.

I was married to Grady Lewis Bynum on July 19, 1941. I am a graduate of Woodville high school. Resident of Atlanta, Georgia, employed by Veterans Administration, Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia."

Eggs were shipped in barrels or boxes packed usually in cotton seed. Egg cases with fillers and flats have been in use about fifty years.

Coal-oil has been in use about eighty-five or ninety years. The first lamps were little brass lamps with a round wick, and used no lamp chimney. How it smoked! What a change to the electric light of todav! How glad I am that I have lived to witness this great change.

People were more afraid of coal oil when first used than we were of gasoline when it came into use.

The soil was rich. It required but little cultivation to produce abundant crops. People had time to engage in hunting, fishing and games, which were enjoyed by many. Many kinds of game were plentiful in the woods. Wild hogs were killed to supply the family with meat in many cases.

Miss Rachel Ann Evans, born November 28, 1924. daughter of Clay and Annie Whitaker Evans of Woodville, Ala. Resides in Atlanta, Georgia. Employed by The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in the General Accounting Department.

Eddie Rosenberg and wife, Estelle Evans Rosenberg have two children: Edwin Allen Rosenberg born, Dec. 14, 1945. Larry Evans Rosenberg, born April 6, 1948. They reside at 115 Beverly Rd. Beverly Hills, Asheville, N. C.

People used muzzle loading guns. The stores had for sale, gunpowder, caps and shot, and lead for rifles. Later one could buy the necessary materials to load one's own shells, when breech loading guns came into use.

The stores did not carry for sale a great variety of articles. Stick candy was the only kind of candy that the stores sold.

Before the Civil War many grocery stores carried liquor in stock for sale. Many men drank, and fighting was common when under the influence of liquor. Gambling was quite prevalent. To run a saloon was not considered a great evil by many. Possession of liquor was common, even among religious people.

Human nature changes not, but habits, social customs and environment are changing slowly all the time.

What one generation regards with complacency and little concern another will look upon the same thing with horror and despair.

To illustrate, James Armstrong wrote an editorial in The Citizen, Scottsboro, Alabama, August 28, 1884 as follows: "We were surprised to read in the Nashville papers that ten thousand persons witnessed a game of baseball in Nashville last Sunday evening. Do not the people and the city officials of Nashville have any respect for the Sabbath? The next thing will probably be a gladitorial contest or a bull fight. Shame on Nashville!"

The manner of dress of both men and women changes. Men in an early age wore knee breeches or doubletts tied at the knee with long gay colored ribbons or other strings. Both men and women wore for many years great shawls or capes. A bonnet was a common article of apparel in a woman's wardrobe; and for a few years hoop-petticoats became fashionable. That man who could have a homespun suit of jeans, with horn buttons, or buttons made of disc of heavy leather was well dressed. Cloth was dyed with walnut juice or indigo, or sassafras bark.

Linsey-woolsey and woolen cloths were used in making garments for all members of the family. Children got one pair of shoes a year, made by some shoe maker in the community. Jack Wright, who was a cripple, made shoes for my father's family. The leathers, both sole leather and upper leather, was tanned at Mitchel's tan yard in Dry-Cove. The soles were fastened to the uppers by wooden pegs made from maple wood. The uppers were sewed with linen thread rubbed in beeswax.

CHAPTER 5

GRIST MILLS

It has not always been as easy for the pioneer settler to get his bread to eat, as it is for us today to walk down to the corner grocery store and buy a bag of meal or a sack of flour.

The virgin land was rich. Corn, wheat and oats grew with but very little cultivation, but the problem was how to get the corn ground into meal. Some early settlers had to use a hand mortar and a pestle to beat the corn into meal.

THE POUNDING MILL

Will Busby, son of David Busby who married Elizabeth Kennamer, daughter of Stephen Kennamer lived in a hollow between the Woodall Hollow and the road leading from Kennamer Cove to the D.A.R. School. He made a sweep with an iron wedge on the end to beat corn into meal. The hopper was a large block of pine, with a basin burned in the block to hold the corn. It was run by hand. This place is still known as "The Pounding Mill Hollow."

THE LEWIS PAGE MILL

His mill was on the east branch of the creek that runs through Kennamer Cove. He had an open hopper to put the corn in, and ground it by means of a mallet so set as to beat the corn into meal. This was run by water. This seems to have been a little advancement on Mr. Busby's mill. Having left his little mill one evening with corn enough in the hopper to run for the night, he was surprised next morning when he came to his mill, to find that a coon had gotten into the mill and was beaten to pieces.

CAPTAIN JOHN B. KENNAMER MILL

Near the mouth of the Woodall Hollow in Kennamer Cove, John Hogue built a mill in 1848. He sold it to John B. Kennamer and Sampson Bishop. This mill was on the west branch of the Kennamer Cove Creek near the road that runs from the Cove to Grant, Alabama. Bishop sold his interest to

Kennamer. Not only was corn ground here, but cotton was ginned, also by water, and baled by horse power. Later he ran an evaporator to dry fruit. I remember, when a lad, going with father in an ox-wagon to the evaporator with a load of apples.

John B. Kennamer, born April 1, 1821; died May 1, 1885. He was the eldest child of Jacob Kennamer and Kezziah Busby. He married at the age of 36. Mahalia Kirkpatrick who was reared in Paint Rock Valley. Two children blessed this union, Jerry and Balcus. His second wife was Sarah B. (Bodly) Smelser, widow of Capt. Smelser, who was killed in the Civil War. "Aunt Sack," as she was known is the mother of Mollie John, Minnie, Ben Wade and Kezziah Kennamer. John B. was Capt. of the Kennamer Co. of Union Scouts and Guides. He and wife were members of the Church of Christ.

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WATTON ELLIOTT MILL

The first mill built near Woodville was on Yellow Creek where it runs close to the mountain. This mill was below the Evans Mill built later on Yellow Creek. It was run by a man named Watton Elliott.

HAWKINS' MILL

In 1832, John P. Hawkins came here from Madison County and settled two miles south of Woodville, near Little Paint Rock Creek, just below where the Woodville and Guntersville road crosses the creek. Mr. Hawkins lived where Hubert Butler now lives. A high tide in the creek washed his mill a short distance down stream. He rebuilt the mill just where the water left it. He built the dam wide enough to cross on easily. He married Lucy Hodges, sister of Pleasant Hodges, the writer's grandfather.

EVANS' MILL

About a mile from Woodville, as the crow flies, a little above where the Elliott Mill on Yellow Creek was located, Mr. John H. Evans built a mill to grind corn and to run a whipsaw to saw lumber. There are to this day evidences to be seen of all these old mills of the pioneers.

PAGE'S MILL

The Evans Mill was moved to Little Paint Rock Creek in 1880, and built near the home of the late Thomas Page. He and his brother, Monroe Page, built this mill to grind corn. After two years Thomas Page died, and Elder John W. Page his son, helped run the mill. Thomas Page was the father of my wife. The mill rocks were moved to Woodville and used a few years and then carried to Gunter's Mountain, the last I knew of them.

BARCLAY'S MILL

Just atfer the Civil War, William (Billie) Barclay bought the farm where Fred Hodges lives, and built a mill to grind corn. He built a large overshot water wheel, getting his water from a spring nearly a quarter of a mile up the hollow, conveying it by troughs. This mill did not grind fast, but it made excellent meal. Mr. James R. Gayle ran the mill a while atfer the death of Mr. Barclay. Fred Hodges also ran it, but this mill house has been torn down and the mill rocks sold.

BUTLER'S MILL

The largest and most noted mill that was built in this part of the country was built on Paint Rock River more than

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Ben Wade Kennamer, b. March 19, 1880, in Kennamer Cove, Ala., d. Feb. 18, 1916 in Paint Rock Valley. He farmed and taught school; married Mabel C. Gillis, Oct. 28, 1907, who was born in Iowa, Dec. 7, 1879. Her parents moved to Nat, Ala., where Mabel attended Green Academy. She taught school. They moved to Patterson, California, but soon returned to Alabama. After Ben Wade's death, Mabel taught school at Trenton, Ala., a while, moved with her three children to Tucson, Ariz. Mabel, Ben Wade, Jr., and Kedzie, all were in defense work during World War II. The mother was with Douglas Air Craft two years. They reside in their own home in Long Beach, Calif.

a century ago by a man named Burns. The mill was situated on the Madison County side of the river.

After a few years Bryant Cobb acquired it and built a bigger and better mill, to grind both corn and wheat. His son, Old Joe Cobb, tended this mill for years and it became well known both far and near.

In the eighteen eighties a company of Madison County citizens, Jim Ed., George, and Taylor Butler, John H. Atchley, John Russell, Frank Ivey and "Big'" A. Whiterd rebuilt this mill adding new equipment. This work was supervised by E. G. Morris of South Alabama. Mr. Morris had built Lilly's Mill at Paint Rock and Walker's Mill in Paint Rock Valley.

This mill did a thriving business, and after about fifteen years, the wheat mill was greatly improved by installing rollers and other improvements. The following noted millers ran it: M. M. (Dock) Downey for fourteen years, William B. Gross, Robert Whitaker, George W. Anderson, J. Dave Jones, and Richard H. (Dick) Jones.

It was sold to Richard H. Jones and J. Frank Bevel but they were not able to repair and keep it in first class condition. It was finally sold to Robert Clay.

On April 11, 1939, a tornado swooped down in swift destruction, destroyed this famous old mill, killing Charles Robert Merritt of Fort Payne, who had sought shelter there. And so Butler's Mill's usefulness has largely ceased and its former glory is now history.

Benjamin Russ Bingham; born in Jackson County, Ala., July 7, 1870. m. April 8, 1903, Minnie Frances Kennamer; born January 26, 1874 in Kennamer Cove. Mr. Bingham farmed and was a carpenter in Alabama. He moved to Patterson, Calif., several years ago, where he now resides. Children: (1) John Wade Bingham; born, March 3, 1904. (2) Jerry Nathan Bingham; born December 6, 1905. (3) Sarah Jane Bingham; born November 21, 1908, (4) Stephen Clifford Bingham; born Dec. 29, 1912. (5) Mollie Balcus Bingham; born April 3, 1917.

There has been other mills in and around Woodville, run by gasoline. J. T. Hodges has a mill at his home. Hodge Woodall ran a mill in Woodville, and J. Bart Paters in Peter's Cove. Ambrose McCarrell ran a gasoline mill in Woodville a few years. There is no mill to grind corn in the town now. Silas P. Woodall ran a grist mill in Old Woodville a few years, but it too, has not been run for quite a time.

CHAPTER 6

BLACKSMITHS AND WOODWORKERS

There was one or more good blacksmiths in every village or community in early times. Good woodworkmen were also important, and the two often worked together to make the necessary things that the pioneer used.

Old Woodville was fortunate to have both blacksmiths and woodworkers or carpenters.

Jack Bevel was a blacksmith. What kin he was to Hawky P. Bevel, I do not know. The latter was a splendid woodworkman who came from Tennessee. He built the house near the Dr. L. Derrick home in Old Woodville, later known as the Wiley Allison house. He was the father of "Toph" or Richard Bevel who married Mary Grayson. Their children were: Dick, Alf, Patsie, Susan, and Frank Bevel.

Dick and Dock Bevel lost their lives as soldiers in the Confederate Army.

Hawky P. Bevel and an old maid daughter and Susan, his granddaughter started to Arkansas and was never heard from. It was generally thought he was drowned in the flood in the Arkansas bottoms. This was before railroads were built.

Tony and Elic, two negro slaves who belonged to Derrick ran a blacksmith shop on the south side of the Old Stage Road in Old Woodville. This shop was located about where David Cobb's barn stands. Tony lived to be old and helped the Dr. Derrick family with the housework.

William Isom ran a blacksmith shop in Old Woodville, and when the railroad was built, he moved and built the first shop near the railroad in the present town of Woodville. It was located on the north side of the Old Stage Road near the Robert J. Thomas residence. This shop faced south. There was a second building on the spot which faced east. It was torn down after World War 2 and the Elkins sisters, Emma and Eliza, now use the land for a garden.

Many different blacksmiths have worked here. Mr. Isom married first Mary Hawkins, daughter of John P. Hawkins and wife Lucy Hodges. After Mary's death he married her sister, Ellen Hawkins, within six weeks. His children by the first marriage were as follows:

(1) Lucy Isom who married John Swearengin.

(2) James Byrd Isom (1844-1885). He married Mrs. Rachel Elizabeth (Craft) Byrd (1840-1885). Their children were:

(a) Jennie, (b) William, (c) Bob, (d) Clemie, (e) Hattie, (f) Burkett Isom who accidently killed himself while out hunting.

David C. Kennamer, Jr. b. August 21, 1907, m. July 1932, Marie McCormack of Athens, Ala. She was employed by the Sheffield Hotel until it was destroyed by fire in June 1948. D. C. graduated in 1924 in the first class at Woodville High School. He attended Freed-Hardeman college in Henderson, Tenn., for two years. In January., 1926, he was employed by the Tennessee Valley Banking System; remained with them until Dec., 1934. He worked for the Sheffield National Bank until April 1937. He went back to the Tennesse Valley Bank which later was converted to the State National Bank, is now assistant manager of the Sheffield, office. He was in the Armed Services from December 1942 to October 1945, serving 22 months in India and Ceylon. He and wife are members of the Church of Christ.

William Isom's children by the second marriage were as follows:

(3) Susannah Isom. She married James S. Parker.

(4) William Henry Isom married a Dudley and went to Texas.

Ben Parker who married the eldest daughter of M. M. Tidwell ran a shop two years, east of Old Woodville. He lived below the "White House" near the place where H. D. Stephens built a dwelling house for J. L. Fairbanks.

John Dudley ran a blacksmith shop near the railroad west of Woodville a mile. Mr. Dudley lived and owned the place later known as the James Barclay place.

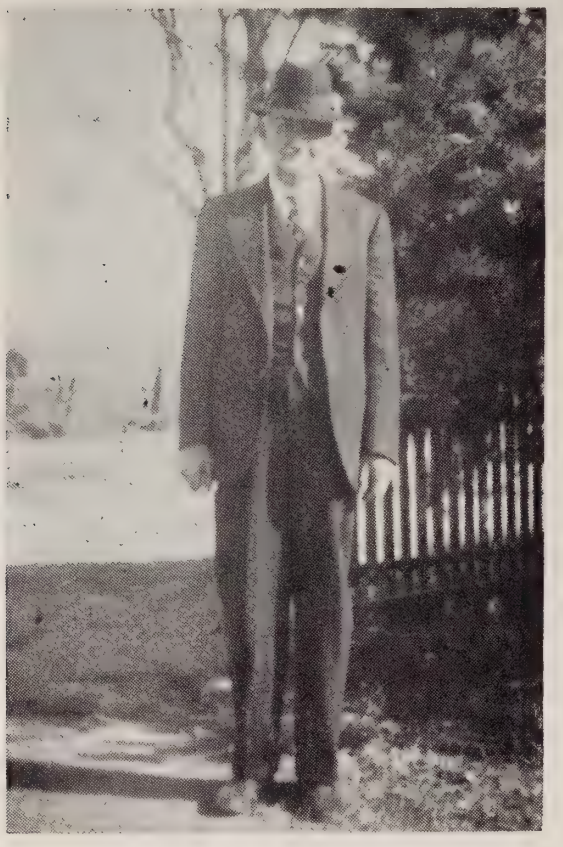
Kennamer Cove has had some noted smiths. Jacob Kennamer, my grandfather, was a good smith, making many

articles the pioneers used, such as plows, horseshoes, nails, cowbells, guns, and other useful articles. He taught his eldest son John B. Kennamer the same trade, including the art of tempering steel. Other good smiths were Wash Manson, Hugh Reed, and Nacy K. Elkins.

BLACKSMITH SHOPS IN WOODVILLE

Blacksmith shops have been located at eight different places in the town. The first one was built by William Isom, as has already been related.

In 1872 Tom M. Cobb came to Woodville from near Owens X Roads, and built a two story shop. The second story was used for woodwork and coffin making. This shop, was located where Mrs. Bernice Stephens now lives. Mr. Cobb lived just back of his shop near the well, which he dug. Joe



David Campbell Kennamer. b. March 31, 1871; d. May 14, 1940, m. February 25, 1892, Clemie Isom, b. December 30, 1871. To this union seven children were born; (1) Oliver Delmar, (2) Bessie McKinley, (3) Nannie Beatrice, (4) Beancie Omega, (5) Lexie Glenice, (6) D. C. Jr., (7) Archie Harold Kennamer.

Clemie's father, James Byrd Isom, died, when she was about twelve years old. "D. C." as he was so well known, was blessed with rare good judgment, an excellent business man, liberal with his means. He and wife were fine Christians—no better family ever lived here.

Williams and Frank Yarbrough, two young men who came from Tennessee, worked for Mr. Cobb. Mr. Williams worked about three years. He married Belinda Ann Wann, sister of Andrew J. Wann.

Mr. Cobb made the coffin, took a yoke of oxen, hauled the dead to the cemetery and buried them for only seven dollars.

Joe Williams built the house near the railroad known as the Harvey Thomas home. He ran the shop that was built by William Isom. Williams later moved to Stevenson and then went to Arkansas.

Many men have worked here at different times as· Frank Evans, J. R. (Bud) Evans, James S. Parker, Little James Elkins, James Daniel Elkins, Erwin Phillips, George Woody, William E. Elkins, James A. Kennamer, George R. Evans, Robert Payne and others.

The third shop was located near the Hotel building on the railroad land, in front of the Charlotte Robert's home. This shop was built and run by Hane Pruitt. The railroad company caused him to move his shop. He bought the place-

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Archie Harold Kennamer. b. Oct. 8, 1915, graduated from Woodville high school 1934; entered Harding college for one year; employed next two years by Railway Express Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. Began to preach for Eastside Church of Christ, Cleveland, Tenn., Jan., 1939; entered Freed-Hardman College, Henderson, Sept. 1941, for one year; worked with church in Nicholasville from June 1942 until Jan. 1944; moved to Frankfort, Ky., in March, 1945 moved to Lexington, entered Transylvania University, preaching for Loudon Ave. church. Moved to Trion, Ga. October 1945 and to El Paso, Texas, in September, 1946, and moved December 1, 1949 to the Northside church in Odessa, Texas. During his work with the Montana St. Church, El Paso $130,000 auditorium and educational building was erected. Married to Cora Elsie Hodges,

Dec. 26, 1934. Children: Lucy Ann: b. May 16, 1936., Elsie Judith, b. February 2, 1941, David Lee, b. July 15, 1946.

near the old Woodman building. This spot is where Mrs. Mildred Baker now lives. He bought it from Robert S. and Isham A. Kennamer in November 1895, who had bought it from W. P. Guynn. Mr. Pruitt ran his blacksmith shop and also cut hair and shaved people before Woodville ever had a regular barber.

Another shop was located between the Church of Christ building and the railroad. John H. Smith who married Rachel M. Kennamer, daughter of Abe Kennamer worked here, with his brother-in-law Newton Kennamer a year or two. Smith lived in the Dillard home in 1886.

Another blacksmith shop was located where the old store just vacated by Butler and Kennamer stands. James Taylor worked here. He was followed by George Barron in 1901-4. James S. Parker also worked here.

There was a shop located near the Earl Kennamer store and the Woodville Gin Co. Warehouse. Ben and William Brannum and James S. Parker worked in this shop.

A shop was located just across the road from the William Isom shop in the building now known as the Fonney Hodges' barn. Erwin Phillips ran a shop and a grist mill here for a while.

There were blacksmith shops in Peter's Cove and at the Cross Roads.

Hulette Carvosso Cobb, b. March 13, 1869, in Madison County, Ala. m. first March 1889, Lucy Ann Maples, b. August 5, 1869. d. 1912. M. 2nd Mrs. Ada (Rumsey) Kennamer. b (1875-1928). "H. C." has been a member of Union Primitive Baptist church 55 years. When about four years old he came to Woodville with his father, Thomas M. Cobb and mother, Julia (Green) Cobb.

CHAPTER 7

DOCTORS

We have no record of the pioneer settlers having any doctor other than some old person who would prescribe a remedy of barks and roots, perhaps pull a tooth or bleed a sick person.

This condition lasted fifteen years or longer in and around Woodville.

The first doctor to locate in Old Woodville was Dr. Andrew Moore in 1833 or 34. He did not remain here more than three or four years. The doctors in this age had but few different kinds of medicine. They did not have ether or chloroform, nor vaccines of any kind. Many of the diseases known to the medical profession now were never heard of then. There was no doctor, called a specialist in any disease. A doctor located in a town or a community and carried his medicine with him in saddle-bags as he rode along rough, muddy roads, often fording or swimming a swollen stream to reach his patient.

Even in my boyhood days, hospitals were rare, located only in large cities, and had few surgical instruments. Operations were performed on patients with broken limbs or other injuries of like nature.

Patent medicines, found in mother's medicine chest, or could be found in general stores, were Strong's pills, Swamp-root for the kidneys, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable compound for women's ailments—a little later Wine of Cardui became very popular. Sloan's Linement, good for man or beast, Japanese Oil used to be taken or rubbed on to ease pain of rheumatism or other ailments of the human family. A mother used plaster and poultices in many cases of sickness. People didn't use doctor's so much then. The local or community doctor treated every disease known to the profession: from a cut finger to a broken leg, from a chill (and there were many of them) to pneumonia, from a case of mumps to smallpox.

Before the Medical Association was organized his fees were most reasonable. He furnished his medicines, often charged his bill till Fall, and much of it he never collected especially among the poor.

An office fee was usually one dollar. He charged fifty cents per mile traveled on visits to see patients.

DR. PRESLEY R. WOODALL

Presley R. Woodall was born in Virginia in 1810. He was

the second son of Willis Woodall and wife Cary (Johnson) Woodall. Both were born in Virginia. They immigrated to Tennessee, then settled near Old Center Church house in that part of Marshall County which was a part of Jackson County before 1836.

Presley married Demaris Busby who was born in 1808 in South Carolina. She was a sister of Kezziah Busby who became the wife of Jacob Kennamer, my grandfather. He lived in the south west part of Kennamer Cove just below the D.A.R. school building and reared a large family. He was a man of many accomplishments, practiced medicine, merchant in Old Woodville, kept race horses, served as tax assessor a short time, Commissioner. and Justice of the peace. To escape some of the horrors of the Civil War, he went to Illinois in December 1863, and died within a month. His youngest son, Jacob, also died there.

DR. FRANCIS LEE DILLARD

Dr. Francis Lee Dillard went from Lynchburg, Virginia, to Brownsville, Tennessee and stayed there a few months. He then went to Jackson, Mississippi, and then came to Madison County, Alabama. He married Elizabeth Diggs Harris in Madison County, Alabama. She was a daughter of Edward Harris and Katherine Diggs, who had come from North Carolina to Alabama.

Dr. Dillard and wife came to Woodville about 1836 and settled at the place where Will G. Jones lives. He practiced medicine until his death about 1852. He owned 1200 acres of land and twenty or thirty slaves. To this union five daughters and four sons were born.

(1) Elvira Ann Dillard married Wiley Cotton first and then Dr. Ira Goff Wood.

(2) Jane C. Dillard married Joel P. Ledbetter.

(3) Sarah E. Dillard married Francis Flippen.

(4) Frances C. Dillard married Dr. Thomas Wright first and a Hendrick next.

(5) Mary E. Dillard married George Larkin.

(6) Edward Dillard married Sarah A. Larkin.

(7) Henry Clay Dillard married Jennie Stevens.

(8) William H. Dillard died when fourteen years of age.

(9) John James Dillard never married. He was the oldest son. He built the first store house in Woodville on the railroad. He was postmaster in 1860 and resigned to make speeches and drill men for the Confederate Army. He was killed in Wills Valley. The foregoing information was furnished by Mrs. Virginia Wood Brown, a granddaughter.

ALBERT G. CLOPTON

We know very little of the history of Albert G. Clopton. He lived a while in Old Woodville sometime before the Civil War. Ike Grizzle said, "He attended my father, John Grizzle during his last illness."

Other aged men have mentioned him as having practiced medicine here. The next we hear of him he was in Orange, Florida and wrote a letter to the Scottsboro Citizen in August 1884.

He was living at Scottsboro in 1887.

DR. SOLOMON S. STEVENS

Dr. Solomon S. Stevens came to Old Woodville in the early 1840ties, and was appointed Justice of Peace in 1842 and 1844.

It has been stated that he was reared in Maynard's Cove.

He married Elizabeth Roden, whose mother came to Old Woodville from the Tennessee Valley in Marshall County before the war.

When the Civil War started, Dr. Stevens enlisted in the Confederate Army as a surgeon, and was killed in one of the first battles in Virginia. One said he was killed at Vickburg.

He left a widow and two children.

(1) Jenny Stevens who married Henry C. Dillard first and then she married a second time to a man named Wiseman who lived in Texas.

(2) Jerry Moore or (Bud) Stevens went to Texas. He died there in 1922.

Dr. Stevens was not related to any other Stevens here.

James H. (Dock) Stephens, son of William Stephens married Martha Susan Roden in 1851. Martha was a sister of Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Stevens.

DR. WILLIAM A. ALLEN

Dr. Allen came from Middle Tennessee to Old Woodville. His home stood on the south side of the Old Stage Road just east of the barn of the late Silas P. Woodall. He bought the land now owned by the heirs of Silas Woodall. One of the fields is still called the "Allen Field." When Dr. Allen moved to Coffeetown near Langston, he sold his property to Dr. L. Derrick. He practiced medicine a long time at Coffeetown. He died at Meltonsville, in Marshall County which is twelve miles from Langston. He was a large man weighing two hundred and ninety pounds.

DR. LAFAYETTE DERRICK (1827-1897)

Dr. Derrick was a son of Henry Derrick and wife Catherine (Branner) Derrick. The latter came to Woodville in 1815, being the first settler in this place. Dr. Derrick lived in Old Woodville, all his life. He studied medicine under Dr. Finley of Warrenton, Marshall County, Alabama. He practiced medicine here nearly fifty years. He was never married and at his death left a large estate. He was a shewd business man and had a fair knowledge of law. His home, built some time before the Civil War, is still standing in Old Woodville. We do not know who built this house. We only know that Ike and William Perkins built the stone chimneys. This building was once used as a store house and the Post Office was kept here a while.

Derrick was my father's family physician for years. He willed his property to Maria Jane (Derrick) Stephens and descendants. They had lived with him. He thereby excluded a vast host of his descendants in his will. This will was contested in court August 1898. Fifty witnesses were used and great effort was made to break it, but it remained unbroken.

Many stories have been told of his dealing with people in his long and eventful life. Stewart Evans said: "Allen Kennamer came to Dr. Derrick and said, 'I have a tooth I want you to pull.' It was agreed between them that if it hurt to pull it, he was to pay the Doctor, but if it didn't hurt, he would not owe anything. So Evans held Kennamer's head and Derrick was not very careful in pulling the tooth. After pulling the tooth the Doctor said, "Did it hurt?", and Kennamer answered "Not a bit." That was one time that Derrick was outwitted but that was a rare exception.

Old Tony and Elic, slaves, and later Old Wiley Allison could not lie to him and get away with it.

DOCTORS AFTER THE CIVIL WAR

Dr. Thomas Wright married Frances Charlotte Dillard, daughter of Dr. Francis Lee Dillard. He did not live long after marriage. He had two sons, Ed Wright of Scottsboro and Tom Wright.

His widow married Mr. Hendrick who came to Woodville from Mississippi with Ollie G. Woodall and Frank Cotton. She died in Memphis in the yellow fever epidemic, in 1878.

Jesse E. Brown was administrator of the estate. He sold at public auction the lot, No. 3, the writer owns and has lived on for 46 years, to George R. Hodges, Sampson Bishop

and John F. Bishop in 1880. The Bishops sold out to G. R. Hodges in 1881 . . G. R. Hodges bought an adjoining lot No. 2 from S. F. Ryan and wife Mary Ryan, and George Wright and T. A. Wright in 1884, and sold both lots No. 2 and No. 3 to this writer in August, 1904.

Dr. Ira Goff Wood was a man who took great interest in business, in politics, and social improvement. He married Elvira Ann (Dillard) Cotton. She had married Wiley Cotton who died leaving three children, (1) Francis E. Cotton, (2) Margaret J. Cotton married John W. Parks, and (3) John Cotton.

Elvira then married Dr. Wood. To this union the following children were born (1) Virginia Elizabeth Wood married Jesse Edward Brown, the noted lawyer. (2) William Goff Wood married Carrie Smith. (3) Lawrence Erskine Wood married Kate Moore. Erskine Wood taught a school at Pisgah, Kennamer Cove. I went to school to him. (4) Henry Dillard Wood married Margaret Hembree. (5) Lula Lee Wood married Nathan Francis. He taught school at Scottsboro.

Ira Goff Wood was appointed County Supt. in 1878 and served about a year. He served a short time as Postmaster at Woodville in 1882. Wood and family moved back to Woodville January 1880. He had lived near Scottboro.

He made a race for state senate on Greenback ticket, got 1772 votes in Jackson County. but was defeated. He traded in land quite a bit, moved often and was a leader in the Grange Organization, and other reform movements.

DR. J. N. SCOTT

Dr. J. N. Scott came to Woodville in the fall of 1874 and was a Methodist Minister, being the second preacher to preach for the Methodist after the church building was erected in 1873 near the Old Elm Tree. Scott built the dwelling where Rufus H. Lawless lived so long. This house was torn down a few years ago by Milton Kennamer and rebuilt. P. Elwyn Page now owns this home. Scott remained here two or three years. Mr. Scott was living at Warrior, Alabama in May 1885. He lost four houses in a great fire there.

DR. DAVE H. LITTLE

Dr. Little came to Woodville in the fall of 1877 from Jefferson County, Alabama, and remained here five years. He was un-married and became Woodville's first mayor May 12, 1880 when the town was incorporated. He left here to accept a salesman's job with Lynchburg Tobacco Co.

He, with James Martin, were in the drug business awhile. When Jackon County voted out whiskey.

James Martin was an older brother of Dr. Hezzie Martin.

DR. HEZZIE MARTIN

Dr. Hezzie Martin practiced medicine at the Belmont Coal Mines near Lim Rock, before coming to Woodville. He did not remain here long. He married a sister of Ben Lawler. He was born in 1848 and was living at Birmingham at the ripe old age of 87 when I last heard of him. Dr. D. W. Huffer came from Tennessee and was getting good practice April 1883. He stayed a few years. He lived near the Red Hill in Madison County.

DR. J. MACK DICUS

Dr. Dicus came to Woodville and taught school in the Methodist Church house. After he became a physician, he practiced medicine with his great uncle Dr. L. Derrick a year or two. He reported much sickness about Woodville in the summer of 1885.

DR. HENRY F. GATTIS

Dr. Gattis located at Woodville in the fall of 1887. He lived in the house up near the mountain, now owned by Homer L. Hodges. He was a son of James A. Gattis and Sarah McCollum. Both were born in Lincoln County Tennessee, and came to the head of Larkin's Fork in Paint Rock Valley in 1845.

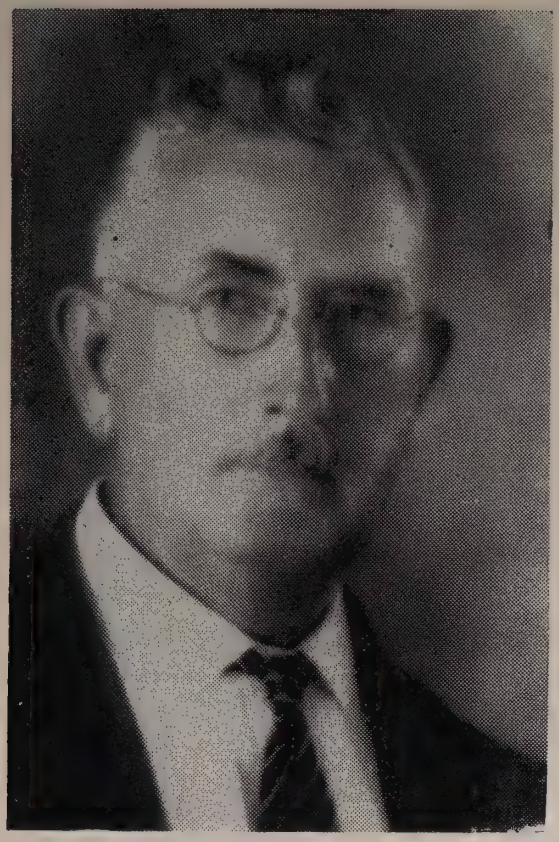
Dr. Gattis first married a Nelson; his second wife was an Evans. He moved to the Houston Roden place between Aspel and Santa Creek. He was a member of the Church of Christ and was a brother of Thomas A. Gattis. His son Emmett Gattis has made a great name in the drug business.

DR. GEORGE T. HAYS

Dr. Hayes was a practicing physician here in the 1890-ties. He resided in the same house that Dr. Gattis had occupied. He was called to my home in the summer of 1897. He was here when Dr. L. Derrick passed away. He went to Sand Mountain and was at Hollywood in 1903. He was a great booster for good roads and wrote articles to the County Paper on roads. His widow lived until the year 1948. After Dr. Derrick died, many physicians came here, but they did not remain long.

Dr. McKinsey and Dr. McMullins were two who did not stay here.

Just before this time, Dr. Fate McClendon practiced a short time with his great uncle Dr. Derrick.



Dr. John W. Boggess b. September 28, 1871; died Dec. 2, 1940; m. December 21, 1894, Margaret Minerva Foster, b. August 29, 1875. Dr. Boggess attended medical school, Vanderbilt, Nashville, Tenn. Children: Oscar Franklin, Thomas Wade, Annie Mae, John W., and Catherine Boggess.

DR. JOHN W. BOGGESS

Dr. Boggess came here in 1898 when a young physician and remained ten years, then went to Stevenson where he remained only three years. He then moved to Bridgeport where he stayed six years. While there he and Will Chandler entered the mercantile business for a short time. He then moved to Woodstock, Alabama. After a few years he came back to Jackson County locating at Princeton. He came back to Woodville where he remained until death. He first lived in the house near the railroad crossing now known as the Fonny Hodges home. He built and ran a hotel where Mrs. Claud Hodges now lives. He was living in the W. O. W. building when he died. Mrs. Boggess ran the hotel and did a fine job.

DR. WADE ESSLINGER

Dr. Esslinger came here after Dr. Boggess and lived in the hotel building. His wife ran the hotel. Dr. Esslinger

stayed a few years and returned to Madison County, dying a short time thereafter.

DR. JOE CAHOON

Dr. Cahoon came here from Larkinsville and stayed about a month, but would not move here. He was a son-in-law of Dr. J. N. Blakemore.

DR. J. H. SHERRELL

Dr. Sherrell came here but stayed in Peter's Cove. He was a fine physician had he let whiskey alone.

DR. J. J. McGAHEE

Dr. McGahee had practiced medicine at Columbus City for years. He was a good doctor. He came to Woodville from Langston, lived first at the home S. E. Kennamer owns. Here his eldest daughter Lila, the first wife of Sam Woodall,

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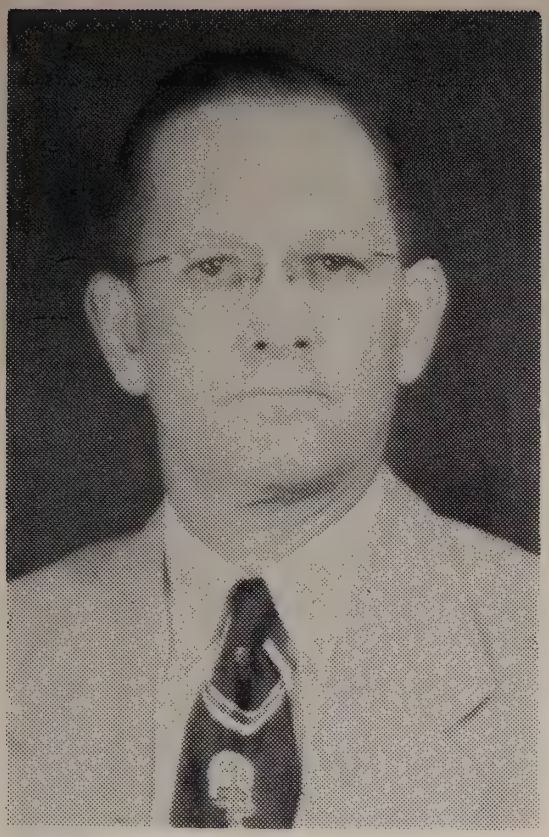
Rayford Hodges, M. D. Dr. Hodges, was born Nov. 1, 1889, son of Monroe A., and Addie (Chastain) Hodges. He attended the public schools and entered State Teachers College in Jacksonville, graduating 1911; taught a few schools before he began the study of Medicine at the University of Alabama medical school in Mobile where he graduated in 1915 as a doctor. He began practicing in Woodville, entered World War I, August 1, 1917. He was discharged September 1919 at Atlanta with rank of captain. He was battalion surgeon of the Fifty-eighth Infantry Regiment and was in many fierce and bloody battles, was in the army of occupation in Germany. He moved to Scottsboro in 1920 and erected Hodges Hospital 1925, is a member of many medical societies and is a noted doctor and surgeon. He married October 19, 1920, Jennie McGahey, daughter of Dr. J. J. McGahey. Children: 1. Rayford, Jr. m. Virginia Meadows of

Atlanta.—a son, Rayford Hodges, III. Rayford, Jr. was in World War II, received the Purple Heart with cluster for heroic service.

2. Durwood, was also in World War II, saw much service. 3. Lila Jean Hodges.



Emmett Julian Hodges, b. in Gurley, Ala., March 17, 1904, son of Willie Julian Hodges and Elizabeth Hodges. His father died when Julian was 17 months old. The widow with four children moved back to Woodville, where the son attended the public schools, entered the Gurley High school in 1918, finished in 1922; entered Birmingham Southern college, received his A. B. degree 1926. Instructor in State school at Blountville a short time. He married April 17, 1926, Ruby Hill of Owens X Roads. Children: Martha Janice, b. 1935; Nancy Karen, b. 1938. He was high school principal, 1926 to 1930, studied medicine at University of Alabama 1930-32, at Emory University 1932 to 1934, member of Theta Kappa Psi medical fraternity, did public health work in Alabama, from July 1934 to February 1935. Private practice in New Hope, 1935 to 1940, moved to Scottsboro and has enjoyed extensive practice, is a member of Jackson County Medical Association and of the State; Southern Medical Association, Fellow of American Association. He is a Methodist, Mason, and Democrat. He, with A. Carl Collins, opened the Scottsboro Clinic 1949.

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died. He then moved to the J. B. Woodall home, later owned by Sidney C. Jones and P. J. Kennamer.

After a few years he moved to Grant, Alabama. He came back to Woodville and lived in the Homer Hodges home where he died in 1926.

He was a splendid physician, especially in pneumonia, and was kind and sympathetic in his practice.

DR. JOHN RAYFORD HODGES

Dr. Hodges who married Miss Jennie McGahee practiced with Dr. McGahee in his first work. He came here from New Hope, Alabama and stayed a short time. He then located at Scottsboro.

DR. J. N. SHIPP

Dr. Shipp was a fine young physician when he came here for a year or two.

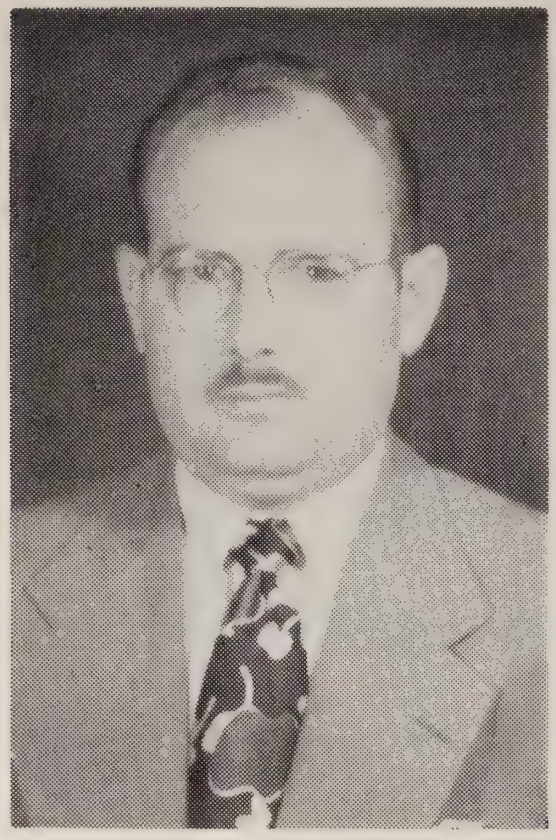
DR. JULIAN HODGES

Dr. Hodges practiced at New Hope a while before locating at Scottsboro, Alabama. He has a good practice in the county.

DR. ZIMMERMAN

Dr. Zimmerman practiced medicine a few years in the 1920ties in Woodville, and then in Grant, Alabama.

Woodville has had no located doctor since the death of John W. Boggess.



Collins, Arthur Carl A. B.; M. D. Born November 22, 1920 in Fackler, Alabama, son of A. D. Collins and Mary Vera Collins. Dr. Collins graduated from the Woodville high school in 1938 and attended Berea College from 1938 to 1942 where he received his A. B. degree with a major in chemistry. In July 1942 he entered Long Island College of Medicine and due to the speed-up program during the war, Dr. Collins received his M. D. degree in 1945. While in medical school he affiliated himself with the Theta Kappa Psi medical fraternity. Dr. Collins did his internship at the Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. On graduation from medical school he was commissioned a LTJG in the U. S. Navy and following his internship entered the Navy as a medical officer. While in the Navy stationed at Bainbridge, Maryland he met Elisabeth Covey of Dublin, Virginia and they were married July 20, 1947. After his return to civilian life he spent 18 months at South Highlands Infirmary in Birmingham, Alabama as a surgical resident. Since August 1949 he has engaged in the practice of medicine in Scottsboro, Alabama where he is associated with his uncle, Dr. E. Julian Hodges.

CHAPTER EIGHT

MERCHANTS IN OLD WOODVILLE

We have no record to show who was the first merchant in Old Woodville, or the date he began business. We know that Alfred and Andrew Moore bought land from Henry Derrick in 1834.

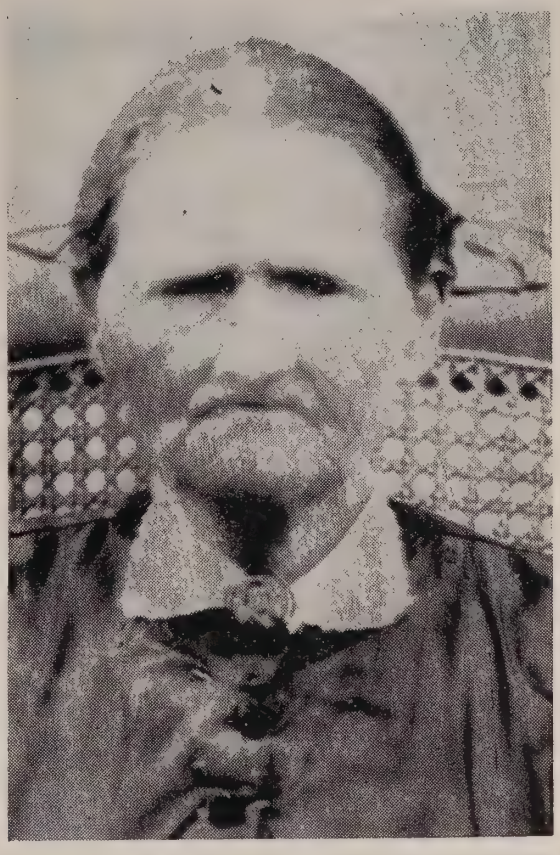
We know that William Wesley Derrick Sr. married Sarah (Sallie) Kennamer, eldest daughter of Sam Kennamer in 1831, lived first at the Evans place and clerked for Alfred and Andrew Moore.

This would indicate that they were in business as early as 1830 or 31.

Alfred Moore was appointed Postmaster Sept. 1, 1834.

PRESLEY WOODALL

Presley Woodall sold goods in Old Woodville at an



Pleasant Woodall, Sr., born, September 2, 1807, died July 26, 1881; married 1836, Rebecca Kennamer, born Jan. 17, 1813; died July 10, 1887. She was the eldest daughter of David Kennamer and first wife Sally Boshart. Pleasant Woodall was the eldest son of Willis Woodall, of Va.; and resided in Madison county. He was a prominent man in his day. He and wife are buried in the Kennamer cemetery.

David Riley Woodall. b——d.——Married, November 29, 1866, Rachel Elizabeth Wilder at Woodville. She was the daughter of Joab Wilder and Nancy Perkins. Children: (1) Mary Susan Woodall m. George Chambless. (2). Allie Woodall m. Tom Middleton. They reside at Grants Pass, Oregon. (3) Ples Woodall (4) Joe Woodall.

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early date. His brother Pleasant Woodall clerked for him.

Later Pleasant Woodall and brother-in-law "Big" Stephen Kennamer sold groceries and liquor in Paint Rock, before the Civil War, Thos. Sims said: "I bought lots of good corn whiskey from them at 18c to 22c per gallon wholesale, and retailed it at my store on Gunter's Mountain at 25c per quart or 75c per gallon."

JOHN GILLENWATER

John Gillenwater sold goods a while in Old Woodville. He was appointed Postmaster March 18, 1836. He was also Jutice of Peace. We have no other record of him.

James H. (Dove) Stpehens and William Green Stephens, sons of William Stephens, sold goods in a store house that stood across the road from the David Cobb dwelling. James H. Stephens owned this dwelling. When the railroad was built west of Old Woodville, they moved to Woodville on the railroad and sold goods until the Civil War came. They

had to close out their store and carried some of the goods to the Dr. L. Derrick home in Old Woodville.

James H. Stephens and Dr. Solomon Stevens both entered the Southern Army and both lost their lives. They were not related. William Green Stephens, the father of Henry D. Stephens, died in 1870.

"Aunt" Elizabeth (Bettie) Stephens, now 93 years old is a daughter of James H. Stephens and Martha Susan Roden. She married first John Evans, and second Mr. Deerman. James H. Stephens was appointed Postmaster May 26, 1851. He served as Postmaster till July 19, 1852.

WILLIAM DWYER

William Dwyer sold goods and liquor in Old Woodville. Thomas Sims said, "He was the first merchant to sell brought on guns." He hauled his goods in wagon from Nashville, Tennessee. He sold liquor in connection with his other goods. He, too, moved his business to Woodville near the railroad. He sold his business and moved to Paint Rock Valley. He lived on the hill where Larkin Creek and Estile Fork join. He then moved to Tennessee. He was a brother of Minas C. Dwyer who married the widow of William Pruitt and mother of Hane Pruitt.

CLEMENT C. SHELTON

He sold goods a while in Old Woodville and kept the Post Office, I think in the Dr. L. Derrick dwelling. He was appointed Postmaster September 22, 1855, and served a little more than a year. He moved to Larkinsville where he was in business and then went to Chattanooga, and built the Shelton's Flour Mill.

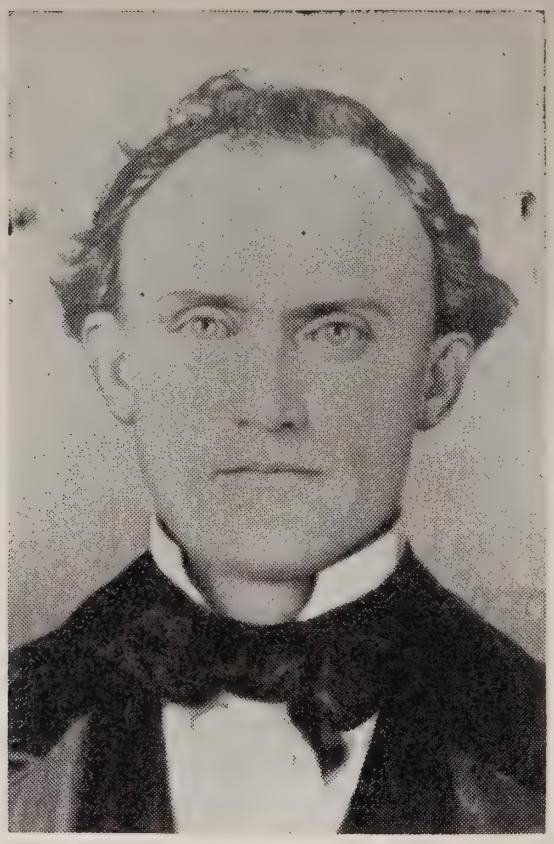
JOEL P. LEDBETTER

He was in business in Old Woodville and moved to the present town when the railroad was built.

He was appointed Postmaster December 11, 1856 but served only four and one half months. Henry C. Dillard and Joel Ledbetter had a saddle shop in Woodville before the war. Ledbetter left here during the war.

Cleve Robinson sold goods a little while in Old Woodville. He and Van Morris got into a difficulty. Morris shot Robinson in the shoulder. When he got well under the treatment of Dr. L. Derrick he left here.

Henry Higgins and Murphey Mathany sold goods before the Civil War in Woodville. Higgins sold out to Mathany and moved to Larkinsville. Mathany was appointed Postmaster



Joel Pryor Ledbetter. born January 26, 1818, Madison County. Died November 19, 1870. Buried in Madison County.
Jane Catherine Dillard, b. June 15, 1828, Jackson County, d. February 26, 1895, Montgomery, Ala. Buried in Anniston.
Children: Frank W. Born May 3, 1849, Died 1922 in Gadsden, buried in Anniston. James Henry, born Feb. 4, 1851, Jackson County, died Aug. 16, 1895, Piedmont Springs, buried in Anniston. Mollie Ledbetter, born Aug. 14, 1853, died June 24, 1857, buried in Woodville. Fannie Ledbetter (Hurt), born Nov. 17, 1859, died, 1928 in Talladega, buried in Talladega. Maggie Ledbetter (Martin) born April 14, 1862 North Alabama, died in 1935 in Montgomery. Thomas Pryor born, July 3, 1866, Jackson County, died 1932. Buried in Anniston.

April 25, 1857. He served until September 21, 1858. When the Civil War came up Zacheus and Abe Kennamer and Murphey Mathany were selling goods.

Wiley W. Erwin and Pete Whitecotton sold groceries and liquor in Old Woodville, and later moved to the town on the railroad, and continued in business until the war. Wiley W. Erwin's second wife was Emma Whitecotton, a sister of Pete Whitecotton.

Erwin acquired more than one town lot in Woodville as the deed records show. We will have more to say of him as he was in the same business after the Civil War.

MERCHANTS IN WOODVILLE BEFORE THE WAR
JOHN J. DILLARD

John was the eldest son of Dr. Francis L. Dillard. He never married. He built the first store house in Woodville near the railroad on the northwest. Two other store houses were built by the side of Dillard's store house. These three buildings faced the railroad. The back of the middle one was near the present town well.

John J. Dillard was appointed Postmaster January 16, 1860, but resigned December 31, 1860 and made speeches for the war. When the war came he drilled men.

Willis Woodall clerked for him. He was a son of Pleasant Woodall, and a brother of David R. Woodall.

Dillard was killed in Will's Valley.

JASPER N. MATHANY

Whether Jasper N. Mathany was a son of Murphey Mathany or a younger brother, I do not know. He married Evangeline Ross. He sold groceries and liquor in the west store building after the railroad was built and before the war. It has been said he clerked for Joel Ledbetter or Henry Higgins and Murphey Mathany.

He was appointed Postmaster December 31, 1860. We had no mail service during the war. It was more than five years before another Postmaster was apointed at the close of the war.

All the foregoing merchants were in business before the Civil War.

CHAPTER NINE

Justice of Peace, County Officers, Postmasters and Mail Service

The office of Justic of Peace was held by the ablest, most intelligent citizens of the community. The Legislature passed a law in 1819 that two Justices should sign land deeds. This was continued for about twenty years. They were appointed to office and usually served for a term of three years.

After March 1856, they were elected by vote of the people. The following is a list of men who served as Justice of the Peace: Hesekiah Bayless was appointed April 21, 1826. He had just served as County Court Judge of Decatur County at Woodville.

W. H. E. Wheeler was appointed April 21, 1826, May 18, 1829. He also served in 1847.

James Fletcher—May 18, 1829; served one year and resigned.

Jacob Kennamer, my grandfather, was appointed to fill the office May 18, 1830.

Lewis Page and John P. Hawkins were appointed July 30, 1833.

John Gillingwater was appointed May 20, 1834, and Lewis Page was reappointed at this same time.

William W. Pruitt, Peter Maples and William Stephens were all appointed May 1, 1835. Pruitt and Stephens were again appointed April 15, 1844. Samuel Evans was appointed April 5, 1838. At this same time John P. Smith was first appointed. He was again appointed June 17, 1850, and March 24, 1853. It was he who married my father and mother in November 1851. The writer spent one night in his home near Walnut Grove, Madison County. Mr. Smith lived to be 93 years old and is buried in the Haden Cemetery.

Moses Maples and Moses Smith, John P. Smith's father, were both appointed April 15, 1841.

Solomon Stevens was appointed April 4, 1842. He and Seaborn Roundtree were appointed April 15, 1844.

I find no other records until March 1856. William Isom was eletced March 1856, also March 1, 1862.

Henry Lewis and John H. Evans were elected August 29, 1865.

Moses Maples and William C. Thomas were elected October 19, 1868. Moses Maples and George R. Hodges were elected December 15, 1871. Hodges was elected 1874-1877 and was elected County Commissioner 1880, served as Notary Public from 1897 until 1903.

Moses Maples was elected County Commissioner in 1874 and had been in the Legislature 1844-45.

Luna Bowers was elected J. P. 1874 and 1877, and was appointed N. P. and J. P. 1880 and 1884.

J. L. (Fate) Jones who lived at Woodville five years was elected J. P. September 2, 1880.

Joel Jack Jones and Josiah Stephens were elected J. P. 1896.

Ed. W. Whitworth was appointed N. P. and J. P. February 15, 1892.

The above are all the records I have been able to get down to the beginning of this century.

Constables who served after the Civil War to the year 1900 were as follows:

Salathiel Houk — 1868
A. J. Houk — 1871
W. H. Woodall — 1874
Ollie G. Woodall — 1880
Mims Wright — 1883
Adam Houk — 1889
David E. Barclay — 1896

John Silor O'Neal was born in Murray County, Georgia, June 18, 1880, the son of Martin Van Buren and Mary Jane (Baxter) O'Neal; came to Paint Rock, Alabama in 1821; was a salesman for A. Muxen & Co. Chattanooga, Tenn., selling fruits and produce for 16 years. He had the Ford Agency ten years in Paint Rock, Ala., was elected to the State Legislature 1930-34-46.

In 1939 Mr. O'Neal began manufacturing chairs, rockers, swings, porch furniture and has been successful. He is a Democrat, Baptist and Mason, Lodge 359 in Scottsboro. Married Mary Leona Williamson. Children: 1. Mary Leona married Jimmy William. 2. John M. married Carter. 3. Mose W. married Patsy G. Brown. 4. Billy S. married Mary Jewell Thompson.

All the sons rendered great service in World War II.

Pleasant Coleman Page, son of James Monroe and Harriet R. (Bishop) Page, born 1877, married Nov. 25 1922 Berta Lou, daughter of Dr. J. J. McGahey, (born 1890; died 1946). Berta was educated at Albertville, Guntersville and Nashville, Tenn. She taught a few years. Coly has been with the State, County and City for 35 years, except the four years he was Tax Collector 1939-1943. Mainly as Road builder.

Children: 1. James Moody Page, born Sept. 1923, married Lucile Thuror. They have one girl, Linda Gay, born Oct. 1948.
Moody went to school at Sweetwater, Tenn. and while at the State University was called to the war where he served two years. 2. Margaret Joy Page born April 10, 1925, married Gene Duglass Airhart, Jr. Joy was educated at Auburn. All live in Scottsboro. Berta was a Methodist.

COUNTY OFFICERS

David A. Thomas was elected County Commissioner 1884 and Sheriff 1896. He died May 18, 1900, a short time before his term expired.

W. H. Woodall was elected Tax Collector in 1896.

Henry L. Bulman was elected Tax Collector in 1916.

Coly Page was elected Tax Collector in 1938.

Bentley Thomas was elected Tax Assessor in 1938 and 1942. He died while in office. His widow Mrs. Zelma Thomas was appointed to serve out his term.

John Franklin Hodges was elected County Superintendent of Education in 1928 and served until June 30, 1949, except one term served by Walker Jordan.

Delbert Hicks was elected County Superintendent of Education in 1948 and began serving July 1, 1949. He had served as Principal of Woodville High School two years.

W. Ed Bulman was elected Commissioner from fourth district of Jackson County, Ala. 1948. He is making a good officer.

POSTMASTERS

Woodville, Jackson County, Alabama

The Woodville Post Office was established September 3, 1823 and William Hainey was appointed Postmaster. He served nearly three years, part of his term was while Woodville was County Seat of Decatur County.

Hiram Ross was the second Postmaster, appointed August 25, 1826.

Henry Derrick was appointed Postmaster October 29, 1829. He served nearly five years. We have given his history in the chapter on Early Settlers.

Alfred Moore was appointed Postmaster September 1, 1834. He was a merchant and dealt in land.

John Gillenwater was appointed Postmaster March 18, 1836. He was a Justice of Peace.

W. Ed Bulman, son of Joe F. and Clara Thomas Bulman, born Sept. 22, 1899, married Oct. 1922, Mabel Whitington, in Dalhart, Texas.

He spent nearly six years in Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico, worked on a ranch, ran a pump 1923 at Naravicsa, New Mexico for the Rock Island, R. R; returned to Alabama 1925, worked two years in Birmingham, farmed, did road work in Jackson Co., since 1933, was elected Commissioner 1948 and is doing a fine job. Children: 1. Kathalee, married A. L. Adams. two sons—A. L., Jr. and Brantley Adams. 2. Joe Mack Bulman.

Their home is near Woodville.

William H. Fowler was appointed Postmaster January 9, 1840. We have no other record.

Seaborn I. Rountree was appointed Postmaster January 7, 1841. He taught school and helped grade a section of railroad.

Migginson Loving was appointed Postmaster March 13, 1844. He was the father of Jack Hodges' wife, Margaret Loving.

Seaborn I. Rountree was appointed a second time July 2, 1845 and served this time more than five years.

Albert G. Clopton was appointed Postmaster October 4, 1850. He was a doctor.

James H. Stephens was appointed Postmaster May 26, 1851. He was in business, and was the father of Elizabeth Stephens Evans Deerman, still living. Now 93 years old.

Joel P. Ledbetter was appointed Postmaster July 19, 1852. He married Jane Dillard, daughter of Dr. Francis L. Dillard. Thomas W. Martin, President of Alabama Power Company is a grandson of Ledbetter and his wife.

Robert P. Mackey was appointed Postmaster September 5, 1854. He was a school teacher.

Clement C. Shelton was appointed Postmaster September 22, 1855. He was a merchant in Old Woodville and moved to Chattanooga and built a flour mill.

Joel P. Ledbetter was appointed a second time Postmaster December 11, 1856.

Robert P. Mackey was appointed a second time Postmaster September 21, 1858.

John J. Dillard was appointed Postmaster January 16, 1860. He built the first store house in the present town of Woodville. The Post Office was kept in it.

Jasper N. Mathany was appointed Postmaster December 31, 1860. He sold groceries and liquor in the west house near the town well.

Mrs. Mary Evans was appointed Postmaster January 25, 1866. She was the widow of Samuel Evans. She was a Rogers before marriage, and is not related to the present Postmaster Mrs. Ruby (Evans) Page.

John Wright was appointed Postmaster August 5, 1867. I think he was a son of Isham Wright, Sr. who settled Wright's Cove.

The office was discontinued February 14, 1870.

William P. Guynn was appointed Postmaster June 1, 1870. The office was re-established.

John A. Brown was appointed Postmaster March 23, 1874. He served not quite two months.

W. Bently Thomas, son of S. W. Thomas and Mary C. (Maples) Thomas, was born March 24, 1884; married Octo. 11, 1916, Zelma Maples, born Nov. 6, 1894. Both were teachers at time of marriage. Bently was a traveling salesman for a number of years, before entering politics. He was elected Tax Assessor 1938—began serving Oct. 1939, a four year term, was reelected to a six year term, the only man on record to be reelected as assessor. He died April 28, 1947, and his widow was appointed and served the remainder of the term. Both were popular efficient officers. Children: Mary Nell and William Tell Thomas —twins. Mary m. Bradford Shelton.
William married Elizabeth Long.
Ruby Bernard Thomas, married Clyde Butler.
James Bently Thomas married Bettie Jacobs.
Zelma Ruth Thomas married Clyde Blyth.
Bettie Jane Thomas married Tom Crumbly.

Andrew J. Wann was appointed Postmaster May 14, 1874.

David A. Thomas was appointed Postmaster February 6, 1879.

Frank Bishop was appointed Postmaster February 1, 1881.

George R. Hodges was appointed Postmaster November 7, 1881.

Ira G. Wood was appointed Postmaster February 3, 1882.

John F. Bishop was appointed Postmaster April 19, 1883, a second time.

George R. Hodges was appointed Postmaster November 25, 1884, a second time.

Robert F. Lawing was appointed Postmaster April 20, 1889.

George R. Hodges was appointed Postmaster August 7, 1893. This was his third term to serve.

Emmett Woodall was appointed Postmaster June 23, 1897. He served nearly thirteen years.

John R. Kennamer was appointed Postmaster May 7, 1910.

P. Elwyn Page was appointed acting Postmaster August 6, 1934.

Mrs. Ruby E. (Evans) Page was appointed Postmaster April 24, 1936.

The office was made a Third Class February 11, 1938.

The foregoing was taken from the official records in Washington, D. C.

Woodville Mail Service

Woodville was fortunate to be situated on the first mail route established from Huntsville to pass through Jackson County. This route was established May 13, 1820 and came by Maysville, to Woodville, to Sauta, to Ross's Landing (later Chattanooga) to Washington in Rhea County, Tennessee.

The Post Office at Old Woodville was established September 3, 1823. William Hainey was appointed Postmaster. He served three years. We have no other record of him.

This first mail route probably came once a week or once every two weeks.

A mail route from Larkinsville to Woodville was established in 1832, and continued for ten years. David Larkins was Postmaster at Larkinsville at this time. Henry Derrick was Postmaster at Woodville, having been appointed October 29, 1829. He served until September 1, 1834.

Mail train coaches were put on in the 1850ties to separate mail while in transit. A daily horse mail from Woodville to Guntersville was established July 1, 1882; John W. Perkins was the contractor. Van Starnes and Ben Grayson were two carriers on this route. I understand that this was the first daily mail route to be established in the county.

Kennamer Post Office is shown in the records as early as 1855. Jacob Kennamer, my grandfather, was the Postmaster until his death in 1863. He therefore, served as Post-

master in the National Government and also under the Confederate government.

His son Seaborn F. Kennamer kept the office for years at his home.

Zolly Elkins kept this office three or four years at the N. K. Elkins home. It was supplied after 1882 by the daily horse mail from Woodville to Guntersville.

A Post Office was established near Butler's Mill in Marshall County called "Payne". It continued a few years, being supplied through Woodville. Payne was discontinued when Woodville rural route no. 1 was established. Andy Bennett was the Star carrier. J. R. Page served a short time as Postmaster. He was followed as Postmaster by Willis Hodges, who was serving when the office was discontinued.

There was another Star mail route from Woodville to Nat on Cumberland Mountain. For a while this route was extended farther up the mountain to Culver Post Office.

The mail carriers on this star route were Ben Tribble,

Ernest H. Bennett was born Dec. 17, 1893 near Woodville, Ala. He married April 9, 1922, Mabel Pansy Taylor of New Hope, born Feb. 16, 1904.

Ernest began carrying the mail at Owens Cross Roads, 1923, was transferred Sept. 16, 1930 to Hartselle, Ala., where he has carried the mail ever since.

He and his wife are members of the Church of Christ. Children: (1) Berval V. Bennett, born April 16, 1923; married Trannie Louise Aldridge of Danville, born Sept. 19, 1922. Berval was inducted into the Army Feb. 12, 1942, and was discharged Oct. 7, 1945. He served 16 months in France. They have two children: Berval Wayne, and Louise Bennett.

(2) Thos. A. Bennett born Dec. 26, 1927. He voluntered in the U. S. Army Aug. 2, 1946; served one year in Japan. He married Feb. 14, 1948, Alice Eloise Riethmaier of Decatur, born Oct. 9, 1928.

(3) Mary Sue Bennett, born April 21, 1933.

(4) Carolyn Ann Bennett, born Feb. 8, 1944.

Ruby (Evans) Page daughter of Ben and Lou (Barclay) Evans, born April 4, 1906, wife of Alton B. Page, finished Woodville High School, attended Howard College, and Florence State Teachers College. Taught school for a number of years in Jackson County, was appointed fourth class Postmaster at Woodville, Ala. April 23, 1936; reappointed as third class Postmaster, Feb. 11, 1938 and May 26, 1942.

Member Woodville Missionary Baptist Church.

C. E. Gillis, Newton Flippo, George W. Anderson, Emerson Claytor, and Joe S. Livingston.

When Woodville rural route no. 2 was established Nat Post Office and the Star route were both discontinued.

Woodville rural route no 1 was established in 1916. Joe McGahey was temporary carrier. Norman D. Kennamer was appointed regular carrier, and served until he went as a soldier in World War I. While he was in the war Bentley Thomas and Robert D. Elkins carried the mail. Norman D. Kennamer carried the mail after the war. Robert L. Jones has been carrier and was retired December 31, 1949.

Milton Kennamer was temporary carrier on route 2. William G. Jones is the regular carrier.

Woodville Incorporated

Woodville was incorporated May 12, 1880. Dr. D. H. Little was the first Mayor. The Aldermen were James R. Woodall, W. H. Woodall, W. P. Guynn, Luna Bowers, and David L. Hall. On February 18, 1897 the incorporation was killed by Act of the Legislature.

The town was again incorporated in 1912, and James W. Woodall was elected Mayor. When the town was incorporated they built a calaboose on or near the spot where now is the Section Foreman's home. Cripple Jack Wright used

it for some time as a shoe shop. In 1912 a new calaboose was built on land owned by the writer. Very few persons have ever been incarcerated in this prison house. John Peters, Sydney C. Jones, W. E. Gayle, P. E. Kennamer, M. H. Jones, and W. J. Kennamer have served as Mayor.

Telephones

There was a telephone line built between J. B. Woodall's residence in Woodville and Jack Jones' residence, a distance of about one half mile. This was followed by the organization of an independent Telephone Company known as the Kennamer Cove Telephone Company. Then three other telephone companies were organized, as the Butler's Mill, The Wright's Cove, and The Peter's Cove Telephone Companies. All were operated without any charge for message, and therefore no taxes were required to be paid. This was in 1910. They were very convenient, popular and served a good purpose, before we got cars, good roads, and the radio. After a few years, the service was allowed to be discontinued.

Paved Sidewalks

In the summer of 1939, with the aid of the U. S. Government, the W. P. A. paved more than a mile of sidewalks with concrete, and built culverts in the town of Woodville. This was done while Earl Kennamer was Mayor.

Woodville Streets Paved

Under the leadership of Walter J. Kennamer, Mayor, the streets were paved during the first part of August, 1949.

The Mayor was ably assisted in this work by the Aldermen: P. Elwyn Page, P. Earl Kennamer, Hugh B. Skelton, Martin Cobb and, Gordon Thomas.

The Burgreen Contracting Company of Athens, Ala., did the work at a cost of about $5,000.00 to the town.

Woodville Population and Politics

Census Woodville beat:	1890	1900	1910
Population	819	773	764

Since so many persons have moved away the present population has not greatly increased.

Politics

Woodville has been strongly democratic since the Civil War, as shown by her votes. No third party or independent movement ever made headway here. Woodville voted 17 for, 83 against the ratification of our State Constitution, Novem-

ber 11, 1901, yet it carried in the State by a good majority. Woodville voted 35 for, 65 against when liquor was voted out of Jackson County in 1885. Woodville voted strongly against putting prohibition in the State Constitution in 1909, which failed to carry; and yet the people here are as sober, and law abiding as they are in any other part of the county, as shown by the Court Records for the last sixty years.

The Town Well

The town well was dug before the Civil War. There have been more than one tradition brought down to the present as to who dug it. One is that the Dillards dug it, but that is not true. It was dug principally by Wiley Erwin. Others who helped were Pete Whitecotton, William Isom, Jasper Mathany, Zacheus C. and Abram Kennamer.

It is true that Wiley Erwin and Pete Whitecotton prevented Dillard's negro slaves from getting water out of the well.

Thomas M. Cobb dug the well in the yard where James Spurgeon lived, and later Henry D. Stephens, in the northern part of town. This well was dug in 1872 or 73.

A little later Thomas M. Cobb and Ollie G. Woodall dug the well in the yard of the Boggess Hotel, later owned by Claud L. Hodges. His widow had this well filled up in 1948. It was dug when T. M. Cobb and W. H. Woodall built a gin there.

When some other wells were drilled nearby, it seemed to take away a good part of the water from this well.

Robert Lee Jones, son of J. J. and Demaris L. (Biddle) Woodall Jones, was born Dec. 7, 1879, one-half mile south of Woodville. Education: attended public school near his present home from 1886 to 1897; four years at Albertville. From 1901 to 1925, was connected in mercantile business, first as clerk for Woodall Bros., next two years as Jones and Woodall, then J. B. Woodall, J. B. Woodall & Co. and Jones Bros. He married Jan. 11, 1903, Biddie Peters. No children. From 1925 to 1950 was rural mail carrier on Route one, Woodville, Ala., retiring December 31, 1949. He had been an efficient and popular carrier. He has been Notary Public 31 years.

CHAPTER 10

Manufacturing And Industries

It may be a surprise to many to learn that Woodville has had the following enterprises:

Near Woodville was a Nursery begun in 1859, and was continued for fifteen years.

W. E. (or Erwin) Kerr grew and sold apple, peach and plum trees and strawberry plants. His nursery was located near the top of Gunter's Mountain near the Jackson-Marshall County Line. He sold his products in three counties, Jackson, Madison, and Marshall Counties.

Rat Exterminator

J. W. Wingo made here and sold at wholesale the celebrated Rat Exterminator to all Drugstores in Scottsboro and other towns around here. Every box was guaranteed or money refunded. He was in business here in 1870.

Rope Factory

Hemp was grown on rich land in Kennamer Cove and other rich spots and its fiber used in making rope. There was a Hempshed erected at the north end of the lane that runs by the High School. Ropes were made here. A man named McCravy made ropes fifty yards in length. Twine was also made here.

Flax was also grown for its fiber that was used in making linen cloth. The wool of the sheep was used by women to spin and weave into cloth.

Saw Mills

The first steam circular saw mill was bought in 1870, and operated on Paint Rock River, at the railroad bridge by the following citizens: Dr. L. Derrick, Wm. P. Guynn, John Grammer, Pleasant Woodall, and Caleb Pendergrass. A great deal of the logs sawed at this mill were floated down Paint Rock River and pulled out of the river by a cable run by the steam engine. The logs were held in the river by a boom stretched across the river. The lumber sawed here was used to build many stores and dwelling houses in Woodville, hence houses were built of lumber instead of logs as formerly. They also ground corn and wheat. While working at this mill, Henry D. Walls, then a young man, lost an arm. He later became a merchant at Grant on Gunter's Mountain

for many years and acquired considerable property in life.

After a few years John M. Crowder, a northern man came here and purchased this mill, together with a large tract of land and timber. Crowder sold part of his land to John E. Meeker, and Ohioan, who with his wife left Ohio to find a home in Texas, but had landed here. They came here in February 1882. He built the home at the Meeker railroad crossing.

Crowder then sold the saw mill and lumber business to A. J. Horton of New York. Horton soon took Vielly and Son who also were from New York as partners. They ran this mill for a number of years.

Another saw mill was owned by Albert Woodall and was run by George Barclay, son of Joel Barclay. It was set first in Cotton Cove and then moved near to Wiley Butler's at Little Paint Creek bridge.

Willis Stephens had a saw mill at Stephens' Gap. Wiley Hampton and Broadway ran a saw mill in Woodville a short time. Mr. Hampton moved this mill near the Billy Boshart place and here he sawed a million feet of lumber. The greater part was sawed for George Bulman.

My brothers, P. J. and D. C. Kennamer were expert saw

Pleasant Jacob Kennamer (1866-1945) was son of David Kennamer and Kitty L. Hodges, m. 1885, Nacy Eliza Elkins (1865-1901). He farmed in Kennamer Cove but his greatest success was in the sawmill business with his brother, D. C. He was elected in 1912 County commissioner in Marshall County, Alabama, served with honor and distinction. After the death of Eliza, he married Cora Ella Melton who is living in Woodville where they moved to in Jan. 1920. P. J. and Eliza were members of the Church of Christ, as is Ella. Children: Samuel Elbert, William Kimbrough, Vada Pearl, and Nettie Vera—are children of first wife. Verta Beatrice, Audrey Fern, Alma Laurene, and Arnold Clayton Kennamer. Arnold died in 1911 of burns.

mill men, and ran a saw mill at various places for about fifteen years.

There were other saw mills operated at different places: at present W. W. Pockrus, a good sawer, has been running a saw mill for years.

The Hooppole Industry

Before wire and steel bands became in common use to hold the staves of kegs and barrels, hickory poles were cut and split and shaved with drawer knives to make hoops. In the late 1880ties and the early 1890ties, the hooppole industry flourished in Woodville as well as at other towns along the railroad. Some men came from the north to shave hoops. Mr. Rodman and wife, and William Glasner boarded at the G. R. Hodges Hotel while the men shaved hoops. James and Tyson Sloan and others were employed in shaving hoops.

During the Christmas holidays 1889, Riley Lewis gave a dance at his home some three miles out in the country east of Woodville.

Many young men and young ladies attended this dance, including some of the hoop-shavers from the town. There came up a little difficulty between the Sloans and the Wrights. Mr. Tyson Sloan had a pistol which he displayed which had the effect he desired. The next day the three Wright boys with six of their country friends came to town to settle with the three or four hoop shavers who attended the dance. And promptly the greatest free-for-all, knock-down fight ever occurred in the town's history was begun. Mr. Payne, the manager of the hoop business wanted to have the nine young men from the country arrested, but D. A. Thomas told him he had better let the matter drop and he did.

The Distilling Industry

Mart Seat ran a distillery seven years in the hollow just above the home of Robert Butler 1872-79. It was not considered a vile or shameful business to make whiskey by a majority of the people at this age.

Government Distillery in Cotton Cove

Francis E. (Frank) Cotton and Henry C. Dillard operated a Government distillery a few years in Cotton Cove, where the late John Reed lived just after the Civil War.

Seaborn Henry (Brud) Kennamer, my eldest brother, was born Feb. 4, 1858; died Nov. 15, 1933. m. Feb. 1, 1877, Mary Frances (Mollie) Jones, b. Nov. 22, 1858; d. Jan. 9. 1950. "S. H." was a good farmer, one of the outstanding men of the community. He and wife reared a fine family. They were faithful members of the Church of Christ. Their home is one and one quarter miles south of Woodville. Children 1. Walter J. Kennamer, m. Nellie F. Barclay. 2. Leona, m. Robert D. Elkins. 3. Elam, M. m. Nora McDonald. 4. Della Aquilla m. Lewis A. Page. 5. Ina Myrtice, m. Elmer J. Elkins.

Stephen E. Kennamer was a government gauger at this still in making liquor.

Thomas Sims and Nathan Kennamer made barrels for this still to put liquor in. They worked at this business during the year 1871.

Cluff Harris, who once lived one mile south of Woodville at the Harris Spring made many barrels for this still. He was a large man and later went to Texas. Cotton and Dillard got way behind in paying their revenue tax to the U. S. Government. Captain Eph Latham, Collector, U. S. Internal Revenue Office, 3rd. District, Huntsville, Alabama sold 232 acres of land and also one distillery and fixtures with 25 acres of land upon which the same is situated to secure the U. S. in the sum of $1103.78 taxes due and remaining unpaid—This July 6, 1872. This ended their operation of a Government distillery.

Near the Hempshed place, P. H. and J. B. Woodall ran a gin and a mill to saw pencil blocks. They began this business in 1897.

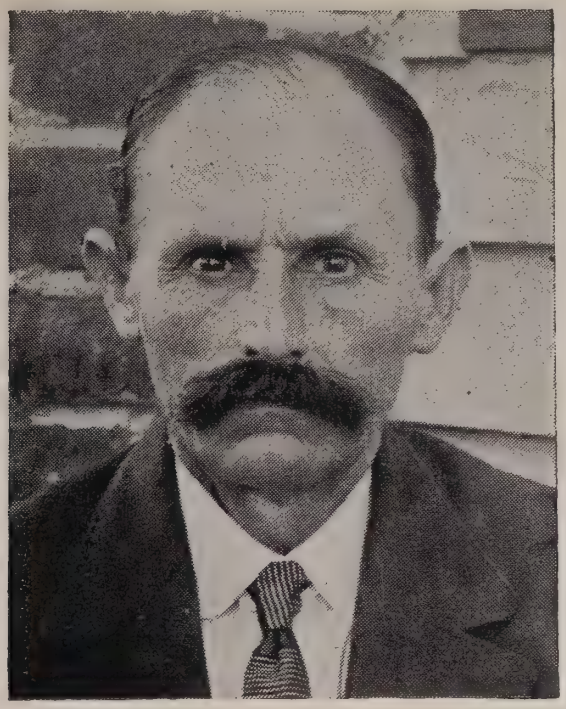
Still later about 1911, Sam Duncan ran a pencil mill to saw pencil slats. He did quite a business. Several families moved into town to work at this business. Many farmers sold their cedar rail fences to make pencil slats, replacing their fences with woven wire fences.

J. B. Woodall sold the cedar rails on his farm in Thomas Cove for $2000.00

Some cedar log houses and barns were sold for pencils. Harry's Chapel School house was sold and the proceeds were used in building Rocky Ridge school house.

Woodville was enjoying prosperous days. The housing shortage was acute. Hickory handles have been sawed at this place. Woodville has been a great timber town. Cedar of all kinds, crossties, lumber and logs have at times covered every vacant spot in or near the town.

John Roberts of Gurley ran a cedar mill to saw lumber a year or more.



Nelson L. Kennamer, b. Dec. 29, 1859, d. Sept. 9, 1947; m. first Millard D. Jones. (1864-1891), mother of three daughters —Lettie Irene, Eliza Myrtle and Annie Mabel Kennamer. N. L. m. 2nd time Mary Shirley Woodall, Children: A. Ferris, Veda Bertie, Roy C. Treva and Albert Nelson Kennamer. N. L. built a home one mile south of Woodville where he lived till his health began to fail, then moved to Sweaengin Gunter's Mt. in Jan. 1897, where he lived to a ripe old age. He was a good man, doing much to build up the Church of Christ on the mountain.

There have been other mills operated in the town.

Woodville claimed to handle more eggs than any other town of its size in the state seventy years ago. Now people eat most of their eggs—few are sold.

GINS

The Dillards had the first cotton gin that we have any knowledge of around or in Woodville. It was later owned by Doctor L. Derrick. I think that it was the same gin erected by Thomas M. Cobb and W. H. Woodall in the late seventies. Mrs. Claud L. Hodges now lives at the same place. The gin later caught fire and burned.

In the early eighties George R. Hodges and Frank Bishop built the gin near the writer's home. It was run by horse power. Men living here now when they were boys, drove the horses to gin the cotton, which was weighed in baskets and fed by hand. The press was run by one mule and the lint was carried to the press in one's arms. The seed were allowed to fall on the ground and was considered almost worthless. These seed, not being cleaned well, would choke a hog.

When a boy, I remember well, going to this gin with father and got a wagon bed full of seed for only seven cents per bushel. That was before they learned how to make lard out of them. In 1898 I saw J. W. Birdsong put up in one pine pole pen six hundred bushels of cotton seed to rot for fertilizer. This was on Sand Mountain.

Bishop soon sold out to his partner, Mr. Hodges, who rented the gin to Mr. T. M. Cobb. He ran it a few years. In 1887 he was ginning four bales of cotton a day.

Jack Jones next ran this gin a while and then George

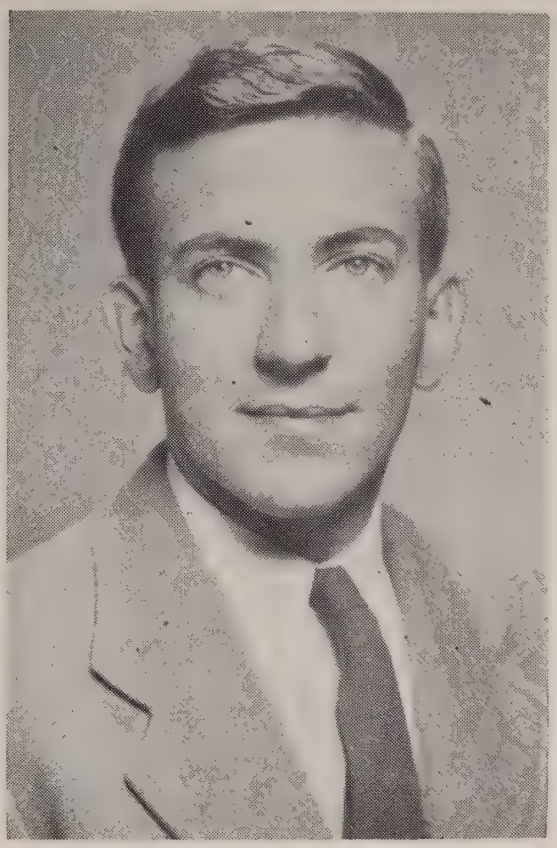
Sam Prince, son of William S. and Rosa Lee Cobb Prince, was born Sept. 16, 1900; m. Sept. 17, 1922 Verta Beatrice Kennamer, daughter of P. J. and Cora Ella Melton Kennamer, was born July 23, 1903. Sam is a good carpenter, painter and mill wright foreman. He worked for Southern Railway from March 1, 1922 until Sept. 16, 1940; has worked with E. I. Dupont at Louisville, Ky., Childersburg, Alabama, and Oak Ridge, Tenn. He is now mill wright foreman at Oak Ridge National Laboratories. Both are members of the Church of Christ. They have one son, Samuel Roland Prince.

W. Bulman ran it. Some days he would gin as many as six bales.

P. H. and J. B. Woodall built and operated a gin a few years at the north end of the long lane. They also sawed cedar blocks for pencils. This was near the end of the nineteenth century.

For a few years thereafter Woodville did not have a gin. The farmer carried his cotton to Paint Rock to get it ginned.

In 1929 P. Earl and Walter J. Kennamer built a more modern gin north of the town and did a thriving business for several years under the firm name of "Woodville Gin Co." Earl Kennamer sold his interest to W. J. Kennamer, who took his son-in-law, Hoyt Bramblett as a partner. They have improved the gin by installing the very latest improvements, and are doing a thriving business ginning cotton and selling fertilizer.



Roland Prince, born: Woodville, Alabama, August 27, 1923. Parents: Sam Prince and Verta Kennamer Prince. School: Attended Woodville Public School, graduating from Woodville high school in 1941. Army Service: Enlisted 20 June 1943. Served 37 months with United States Air Force as Radio Flight Operator and as Radio Technician with Office of Strategic Services. Discharged 11 February 1946. College: Entered University of Tennessee September 1946. Graduated December 1949, receiving Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Entered University of Tennessee Law School January, 1949 and is at present a junior in the School of Law. While at the University took ROTC and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force Reserve. Designated by the Secretary of War as a Distinguished Military Student. Social Fraternities: Member of Masonic Lodge, Gurley, Alabama, and others. Member of the Board of Editors of the Tennessee Law Review. Marriage: Audrey Parker of Loudon, Tennessee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Parker, December 17, 1949, at the Chapel-on-the-Hill, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Carpenters or Woodworkmen

In the early days, each village and community had one or more men, expert in making all household articles. These men made looms, spinning-wheels, reels, tubs, churns, buckets, pails, piggins, bureaus, tables and coffins. The timber used was cedar, walnut, cherry or poplar of the finest quality. No wonder the modern antique dealer will pay high prices for these relics.

The year 1853, Rufus H. Jones lived at the hempshed, which was located near the north end of the lane that runs by the High School building. He made 32 coffins in one year; most of the people died of fever. These coffins were made of undressed lumber, trimmed within and without; the cheaper ones were trimmed with domestic and black calico. The costlier ones were trimmed in velvet. He also used black and white lace. At this place my wife's mother, Sarah Elizabeth Jones was born.

Thomas Sims said, "I bought one large cedar tree from Captain James Fletcher, which stood near the Loving Shanty, and made one hundred dollars' worth of household vessels from it."

All furniture and household articles were made in the community.

Old Woodville had two men who made rifle guns. Nacy Riggins and James Wright, son of Isom Wright, Sr., who settled Wright's Cove.

CHAPTER 11

Roads, Railroads And Railroadmen

Old Woodville and also the present town of Woodville are on the Stage Road that was cut through the county about the year 1819.

There have been three roads to Kennamer Cove. The first one from Old Woodville ran east to near the barn of the late Henry D. Stephens, thence across the bottoms to near the George M. Campbell place and out near the John Chastain home to the Hodges place near David M. Thomas' place, thence near the foot of the mountain on the east side of Kennamer Cove creek to within two hundred yards of the Chandler Spring. Then it ran across the ridge to the W. A. Kennamer hollow and the old Sam Kennamer home, now known as the James D. Kennamer place, thence to the Jacob Kennamer place and up Gunters Mountain east to the Woodall home place.

This is the route most likely traveled by Hans Kennamer and sons when they came to Kennamer Cove. It is most probably the route traveled by Henry Derrick when he came down the Tennessee River to Guntersville and settled in Old Woodville in 1815.

The second road out of Woodville toward Kennamer Cove ran near the first High School building, through the bottoms just east of the James R. Woodall home, later known as the Jack Jones home, and thence through the bottoms east of the S. H. Kennamer home out by the Monroe Page home, thence on the west side of Kennamer Cove creek, by the Perkins home, thence up near the David Kennamer home where the writer was born and reared, thence south across the ridge by the Roaring Spring to the Jacob Kennamer home. Even at this date, not much of the land was cleared along this route.

The third and present road out of Woodville. The following is a copy of the Court Order to locate said road: "The State of Alabama, Commissioners Court Marshall County, Nov. 1, 1869. Messers. James Bullman, James Elkins, J. L. Kennamer, Albert Woodall, Sampson Bishop, Andrew Sutton, and John B. Kennamer, you are hereby appointed a jury of view to view and mark out a public road commencing on the top of Gunters Mountain south of Kennamer Cove near the Woodall field, thence north in the direction of Woodville, Alabama, the most direct and practicable route to the County line between Jackson County and Marshall County and make your return to the Court by the 2nd. Monday in

Willard C. Kennamer, son of Jacob L. and Sallie W. Mitchell Kennamer, was born March 16, 1882, in Kennamer Cove. Educated at Tri-State Normal, Scottsboro and Ohio Northern University at Ada Ohio, getting B. S. degree. He entered Pullman service May 25, 1908; Secretary-Treasurer of New York Division No. 709, Order of Railway Conductors since 1919; Local Chairman, New York Division No. 709, Order of Railway Conductors since 1925; Assistant General Chairman, Order of Railway Conductors, Pullman System, since 1943. For 12 years Historian, The Kennamer Family Association of Alabama, Inc. Married Amelia E. Fliesner of Buffalo, N. Y. June 1, 1909. They have two daughters: Mirza Marie Fitzpatrick and Mildred Amelia Fitzpatrick and two grandchildren, Louise Joan Fitzpatrick and Johny Willard Fitzpatrick, all living in Yonkers, N. Y.

February, 1870. L. D. Lusk, Judge, P. C. The jury of view reported to the Court, the road had been laid out Jan. 22, 18.70 This road ran west of the D. A. R. School and west of the present road all the way down the mountain: it also ran across the mountain by Bill Sap Kennamer's to J. T. Hodges shop to county line near the Green Butler home.

Jackson County made a road to join this road. A wooden bride was built across Paint Rock Creek, which lasted until 1909, when it was replaced by a second hand steel bridge. The steel bridge was replaced with the present concrete bridge.

A road was opened from Vienna (now New Hope) Madison County in 1874, to Woodville.

The road from Woodville to Stephen's Gap left the Stage Road near the Dillard home or the W. G. Jones home in Woodville, ran near the mountain to the negro school, to near the James Wilbourn home, then turned through the bottoms to Union Cemetery, thence to Spout Spring and thence to Uriah Peter's home, now Robert Hall's home near the mountain to Stephens's Gap on the west of the railroad cut.

PIKE ROADS

Jackson County sold bonds in February 1900 to build pike roads. Thomas M. Cobb took a contract to build four and one half miles of pike for $5000.00. He gave $1000.00 to give up his contract October, 1901, after he had graded four miles and put gravel on one mile, built culverts and had gotten out rock. The County finished the roads under the supervision of G. P. Bouldin. These roads extended out of Woodville in four directions.

Other Pike Roads were built later towards Guntersville to the County line and to Lim Rock on the west side of the railroad.

The Lee Highway

In the fall of 1933, the contract to build the Lee Highway on the south and east of the railroad, was let to Martin Wonderlich Co. of Jefferson City, Mo., cost $150,000 from the old Grammer place to just east of Lim Rock, eight and three quarter miles.

The bridges and culverts were built by Bell and Bell of Nashville.

Bell Brothers of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, built Paint Rock River Bridge 1932-33.

Depot at Woodville

Woodville and the Railroad

When the Memphis and Charleston Railroad was surveyed it passed nearly three-fourth of a mile west of Old Woodville.

This Company was chartered by an act of the State Legislature on the 7th day of January 1850.

The people of Woodville and community took great interest in building this railroad. They contributed liberally of their means to this end. Twenty seven citizens bought 380 shares at $25.00 per share, which with the right of way given, amounted to more than $10,000.00.

The survey was begun July 12, 1850 and finished the next year. On April 7th, 1852 it was ordered that contracts be entered into for the grading etc. of that portion of the said Road from its intersection with the N. and C. near Stevenson to Decatur, Alabama.

The sections are about one mile long, numbered from Crow Creek westerly. Section 29 was Stephen's Gap and was contracted to Thomas C. Bates and Co. at a cost of $19,393.40. Section 30 was in Peter's Cove and was graded by William H. Stephens, who had purchased twenty shares of stock. It cost $1491.00. He lived near by in the cove. Section 31 was graded by Moses Maples, who had purchased forty shares of stocks. It cost $1,447.94 for grading and masonry. Section 32, Seaborn I. Rountree and John P. Smith. This section was near Woodville, on the west. The grading and the masonry cost $2,973.00.

The five sections 33 to 37 were graded by Thomas C. Bates and Co. $5,380.80; the Box Culvert and masonry was done by M. O. Brien and Co. $78.60. Samuel Mead, Clem C. Clay, and John Gurley were contractors for the next ten miles, or sections.

Brick freight-houses were built at Huntsville, Browns-

boro and Larkinsville. Wooden freight-houses (or depots) were built at Woodville, Camden (Paint Rock), Bellefonte and Stevenson. There was a water-tank east of Woodville and the place was called the Tank Place. The Section houses were located here for many years. As the trains used wood for fuel, there was a wood yard here also. There was a wood-yard west of Woodville near the cut at the old school house place.

Some of the finest red cedar that ever grew in any part of the world was cut and sold at $3.00 per cord to run the trains. All parties were ignorant of the great wealth being destroyed.

When the road was built, the track was wider than the standard gauge. Consequently the cars could not be used on standard roads. To remedy this handicap, on Monday,

Patrick Henry Woodall, was born in Woodville, Alabama, August 1, 1859; died Nov. 1939, buried in Union cemetery. m. Feb. 11, 1879, Tobitha Margaret Jones, b. near Marianna, Ark., December 19, 1860, died August 24, 1939. Her parents were Sidney Clark Jones and Emeline Wilson of N. C. To this union: four sons and three daughters were reared to be grown. P. H. served as station agent at Woodville for years, was merchant here until the moved to Stevenson about 1902, ran a store, and served for years as vice-president of the First National Bank of Stevenson. This was one of the great families.

May 31, 1886 one rail on the whole road from Memphis to Stevenson was moved to conform to the width of all standard tracts.

The trains were kept off the road only one day. Many extra hands were employed. The section foreman who completed his work first received a substantial prize.

William Lewis was section Foreman at Woodville at this time. He lived at the Tank Place in a two room log house. A spark from the engine of a passing train set his house on fire, causing it to burn. Mr. Lewis moved to Woodville. He had been in the railroad service since 1867. Stanberry Jenkins followed Mr. Lewis as section foreman. Mr. Jenkins, after a few years, moved to the coal-chute near Stevenson, and was soon appointed postmaster at Stevenson.

James Spurgeon was our next section foreman. He lived in the house Henry Stephens tore down, when he built the home now occupied by his widow, Mrs. Bernice Stephens.

Mr. Spurgeon bought a farm in Caney Cove, after leaving Woodville. He is buried in Peter's Cove Cemetery.

Telephones were first used on this road to aid in the operation of trains in May 1927.

The Block Signals were installed on this road October 1927.

Agents at Woodville

We do not have access to the official records, and therefore are not able to say who was the first depot agent. There is some question as to whether or not Wiley W. Erwin was ever an agent here. William P. Guynn was a depot agent a while, about the time he was appointed postmaster June 1, 1870. John A. Brown was an agent a while.

James R. Woodall, father of Pat. H. Woodall served as agent after Brown. He was followed by Pat. H. Woodall, who served many years. While P. H. was agent the office was made a telegraph office.

The next agent was Charley Lowe, who served a few years. He was followed by John W. Maples, who spent many years here and retired. He is now living here as one of our aged and respected citizens.

The next agent was Glen Brian, S. E. Pierce, William B. Johnson, Lucien Hill, and Mrs. Willie W. Chandler, who lives at Paint Rock. She is the present agent.

Pat H. Woodall and John W. Maples, each served as Depot Agent about 30 years, longer than any others.

Leslie H. Woodall was born at Woodville, Ala., October 11, 1881; m. Feb. 19, 1905, Daisy Lee Farr born October 10, 1883. Children: (1) Cecil C. Woodall, born Feb. 9, 1906. (2) Ray T. Woodall, born April 14, 1908. (3) Aileen Woodall born Sept. 7, 1910. (4) Leslie Woodall, Jr. born Sept. 18, 1912. (5) James P. Woodall, born Dec. 31, 1918. (6) Fred P. Woodall, born Nov. 20, 1923. He entered service Southern Railway as Extra Telegraph operator March 1, 1899, served one year as brakeman, was agent at Corinth four years, was train master on the Sheffield-Memphis Division, was yard master in charge of Muscle Shoals area World War. I. He was appointed Supt. at Jacksonville, Fla. May 1, 1920, served 14 years at the following places: Memphis, Somerset, Ky.; Danville, Va.; and was promoted to general supt. at Birmingham in Feb. 1934, and in Aug. 1934 promoted to assistant general manager at Birmingham, later serving at St. Louis. His final promotion was to the post of assistant to the vice president in charge of freight claims at Chattanooga where he was retired after nearly 48 years service Dec. 1, 1946.

Leslie Woodall, Jr., was born at Woodville, Ala., and is trainmaster Southern Railway between Birmingham and Columbus, Miss. He entered service Oct. 1, 1935 as student apprentice engineering dept.

Ray T. Woodall is Capt. in U. S. Army Engr. Dept., and now in Japan.

James P. Woodall is also in U. S. Army, and is first Lieut. Field Artillery and is in Germany.

Railroad Men

Woodville has furnished many men in the service of the railroad in nearly every capacity. The list is a long and impressive one; some men have made great advancement in the railroad work.

Section Foremen:

William C. (Bill) Lewis, William Derrick, James B. Isom, Stanberry Jenkins, James Spurgeon, Arthur Grizzle, John Gray, James C. Gray, Odie Wright, Alvie E. Wright, Barclay Chandler, John Alexander Miller who was from Woodville

was section foreman at Bellemina 1876. He died and was buried on Cumberland Mountain. His son, Marshall Miller, is living here now.

Willard C. Kennamer of Yonkers, N. Y., has been a Pullman conductor for 35 years.

Leslie H. Woodall held many positions in the service from agent to assistant vice president.

Others who held good positions, are: Charlie Chandler, James Chandler, Elbert Chandler, and their oldest brother George Chandler.

They are sons of Matt Chandler, who lived and died in Woodville, where Fonney Hodges lived.

There were four Hardcastles: Henry, James, Lewis and Rufus Hardcastles.

There are many Peters in the Railway service: John A., Charles C., Henry, Harvey, J. Ralph, Gordon and Guy Peters.

James Spurgeon had four sons: William, Tom, A. Wann, and C. Haden Spurgeon.

Will Tribble had four sons: Bud, John, Tom, and Homer Tribble.

Willie (Woosley) Chandler, daughter of Sallie (Beavers) Woosley, and the late William E. Woosley, was born at Paint Rock, Ala., September 24, 1908. She attended school at Paint Rock and Tuscumbia. She was employed by the Southern Cities Power Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1928 as bookkeeper. She married, 1928 Willie F. Chandler, son of J. W., and Alice (Stroud) Chandler. They have one daughter-Hilda Joyce who will graduate from Woodville H. S., 1950. From 1932 until 1938, she worked as beautician at Scottsboro. She began work, on December 4, 1942 with the Southern Railway Co., as agent at Brownsboro, Ala. Then on Jan. 16, 1943 she came to Woodville as agent. She inherits this love for the railroad work from her grandfather, T. H. Beavers, who was chief train dispatcher of the M & C. when he died Jan. 1, 1887. She is a member of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Charlotte Roberts has three sons: George Riley, William G. and Ovid C. Roberts. The last two have been agents and operators for years. George R. was killed in a wreck of engine No. 306. Sam Porter was killed on this engine.

Sam H. Hodges has been agent since 1905. Other agents are: Dallas H. Wilson, William B. Johnson, Mrs. Willie L. Chandler and Troy Doss Kennamer.

Walker E. Parker, now baggageman began service in 1904.

John A. Abbott, now conductor, has been in the service since 1911.

Other trainmen: Sydney McGehee, Jim Maples, William M. Huddleston, C. C. Woodall, Frank Sublett, D. P. Floyd, Houston Evans, Willard D. Butler, (The last two are deceased) Charles T. Hodges, Clyde Ross, Joe G. Ross, Ralph Phillips, Clinton Adair, Butler Thomas, and W. Gordon Cobb.

Bridgemen: Maxie L. Woodall, Thomas C. Woodall, Luther M. Thomason—deceased, Sydney M. Davis, Claude N. Baker, Sam Prince, and Haskel Dawson.

W. Jack Wright ran a pumping station at Glen, Miss. Two of his sons were railroad men. Odie Wright was section foreman and Nathan Wright is a flagman at a crossing in Memphis.

Joe Woodall retired from service at Amarilla, Texas, was born and reared at Woodville.

Robert G. Woodall, son of Jas. W. Woodall began as a messenger boy and is now located in New Orleans as a Division Storekeeper for the Railway Co., was born in Woodville.

Rufus P. Hodges, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has worked for the railroad for years, was a Woodville boy.

Leslie Woodall Jr., is Trainmaster, Sou. Railway between Birmingham and Columbus, Miss., was born at Woodville, Ala.

W. Otis Wilson is railroading in Ohio. He was born and reared at Woodville. His home is Canton, Ohio.

James Grady Whitaker worked as a machinist at Sheffield four years.

Roy Woodall began working at Decatur in a freight office, and was soon employed in Memphis in various capacities by the Southern Railway.

W. Ed Bulman, ran a pumping station 1923 for the Rock Island, R. R. at Naravisa, New Mexico.

CHAPTER 12

Merchants in Woodville After the Civil War

Wiley W. Erwin sold groceries and liquor. He was in this business for years. Those taking out license to do business in the county to retail liquor were as follows: Erwin and Co., paid $41.60 March 1, 1869, James M. Nelson paid $45.84 February 1, 1869. For the year 1870 the license for retailing liquor was $50.00, Wholesale $15.00, Tobacco $10.00.

Erwin and Hall took out license to retail liquor. That was Wiley Erwin and David L. Hall.

D. L. Hall sold liquor in a house facing the railroad, and the back was near the town well. There was a house on each side of it. He sold his business to his father-in-law, Luna Bowers and his son Charley Bowers. The latter did not continue in business many years because liquor was voted out of the county in 1885.

Mr. Hall bought the farm near the Spout Spring in Peter's Cove, and lived there until his death.

Frank Cotton and James W. Tipton had a business in Woodville a short time. They bought a town lot on the front row 60 by 90 feet from Elizabeth D. Dillard March 23, 1872 and paid $100.00 for it.

William P. Guynn

Mr. Guynn came to Woodville from New Market, Madison County in the fall of 1868, as the records would indicate. He was a shrewd business man, and must have possessed some wealth. He purchased land from three different persons.

On December 4, 1868, he bought lot no. 6 from Elizabeth Dillard paying $100.00. On the same day he bought two tracts of land from Henry C. Dillard, lot no. 5 on Vincent Street, and the Dillard and Ledbetter Saddle Shop containing one half acre paying $400.00.

On September 2, 1869 Mr. Guynn bought from Edward D. Dillard a tract northest of lot no. 5 on Vincent Street paying $225.00. This large lot lay west of the Memphis and Charleston railroad lot. He built a two story store building on the southeast corner of the W. H. Woodall yard, by the side of the W. O. W. building. Mr. Guynn sold goods in the lower part and the upper story was used by the Masons until that Order lost its charter November 1878. It was used

as a meeting place for the W. O. W. until they built their own hall. Mr. Guynn engaged in the sawmill business. He had an interest in the sawmill at Paint Rock Switch.

He moved to Gurley, Alabama in January 1900.

John A. Brown

He must have come to Woodville about the same time that William P. Guynn came. Mr. Brown bought land from Mrs. Elizabeth D. Dillard on December 4, 1868, the same day Mr. Guynn bought land. He bought one half acre and paid $100.00 for it. It was on the south side of the railroad and joined the depot lot on the east and the highway on the west, which includes the land on which the M. A. Hodges dwelling stands. Mr. Brown built a room 18 by 24 feet on northwest corner of his lot. He used this room as a warehouse. Mr. Brown built a dwelling and store house, all under one roof 32 by 40 feet, with addition for kitchen 12 by 16 feet.

He advertised this property May 1870, for sale stating he wanted to go west, but he did not sell. He did a good business, ran a hotel, fed the train men and passengers. He continued in business here until he sold his property to James R. Woodall and moved to Scottsboro December 1, 1879 and entered business there with Col. John Snodgrass. He lost money in Scottsboro, sold out and came to his farm in Peter's

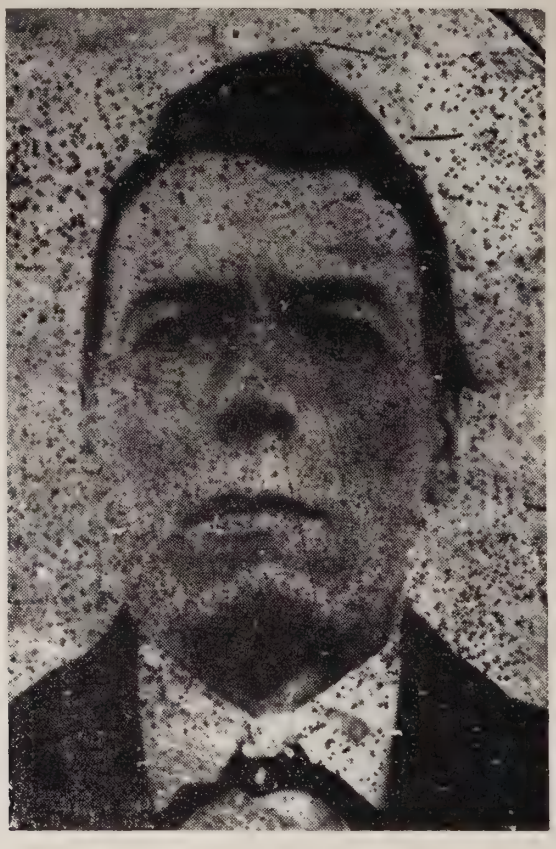
John A. Brown, son of Jerre Brown, born Nov. 25, 1828, married Judith America Wisdom. Children: 1. Thomas Norman Brown, 2. Jerry Brown, married Elizabeth Henry. 3. Mollie Brown, married Redding. 4. Virginia (Jennie) Brown, married Will S. Brown of Sulphur Springs. 5. Nellie Brown, married Ira Light. 6. Joe Brown, died age 7 or 8 years old.

Cove in 1884. While living in Woodville, he and his family, with some aid from William P. Guynn, and others built the first church house in Woodville in 1873. This was the Methodist church house near the big elm tree.

George Scruggs sold goods awhile in Woodville, and then moved to Hunstville about 1874 or 1875.

R. M. (Dick) Erwin sold John A. Brown and George Scruggs a lot in town about 1875.

Joe Barnes built a cheap house and sold groceries a few months here.



James R. Woodall

James R. Woodall (1834-1886)

James R. Woodall built a store house in the southwest corner of the W. H. Woodall yard. He and Andrew J. Wann sold goods and one sold out to the other one, but who sold and bought has not been definitely settled.

Mr. Woodall bought the John A. Brown property. He built to the little grocery store and made a dwelling out of it. He ran the hotel, was depot agent, and sold goods. He was agent when his health failed.

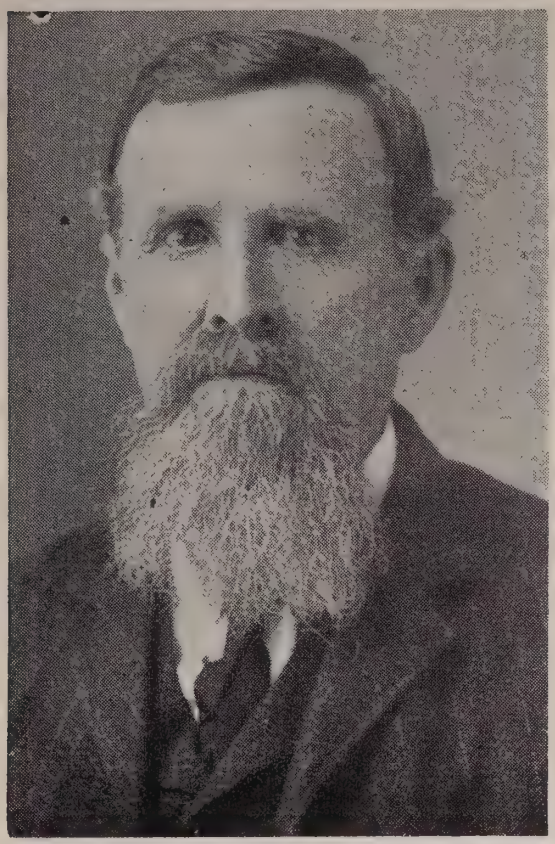
Mr. Woodall was one of the leading citizens of the town; was made an alderman when the town was first incorporat-

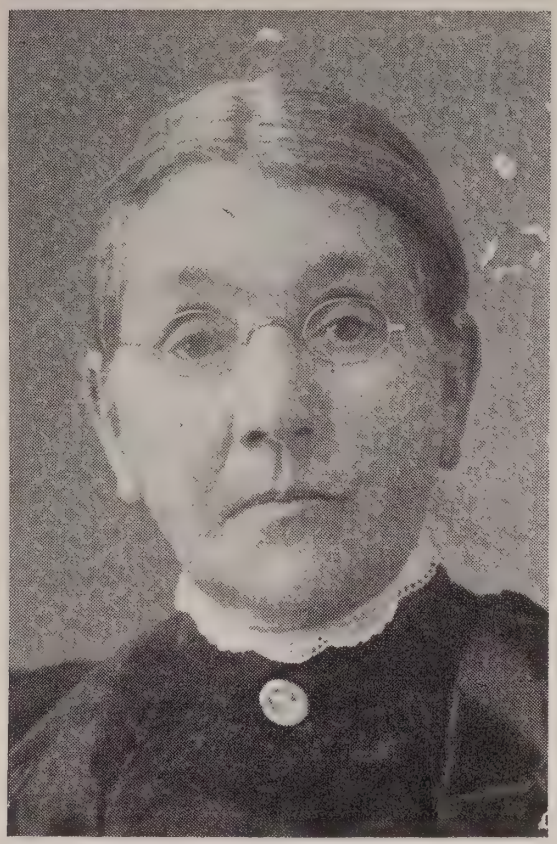
ed. He built the house south of town known later as the Jack Jones home. His mother, Demaris (Busby) Woodall and my father's mother, Kezziah (Busby) Kennamer were sisters. He married Sarah E. Hodges (1835-1905) who was a double first-cousin of my mother, Kitty Lewis Hodges. Their children were as follows:

(1) Martha C. Woodall married George W. Bulman.
(2) Demaris Louisa Woodall married Joel Jackson Jones.
(3) Patrick H. Woodall married Margaret Jones.
(4) Charlotte Woodall married Jeff Roberts.
(5) John Bentley Woodall married first Maggie Butler, and second Mrs. Mary Thomas.

George R. Hodges

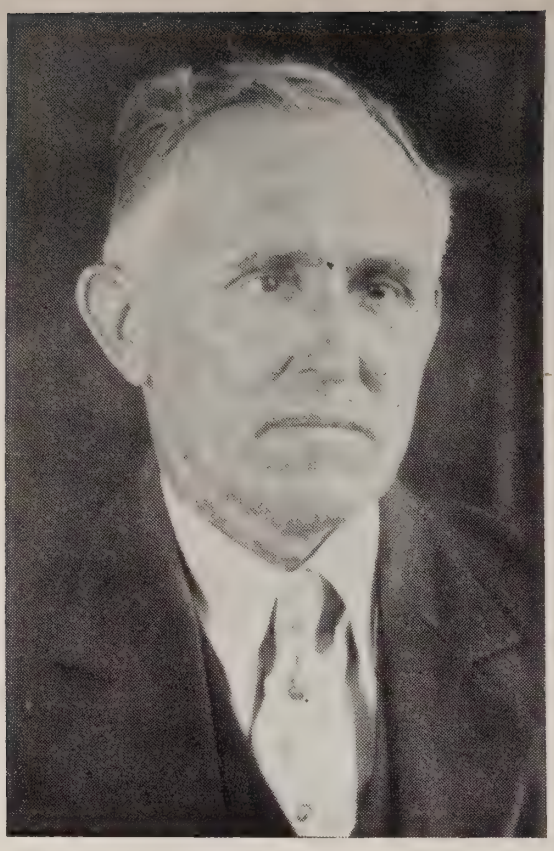
George R. Hodges was the third son of Pleasant Hodges and wife Elizabeth Saddler. He was born and reared 1½





George R. Hodges, born near Woodville 1843, son of Pleasant Hodges; married Louisa L. Jones, daughter of Rufus H. and Mary A. (Wilson) Jones, born in N. C., 1846. Children: Mary George, Albert Sidney, Patrick Wayland, Rebecca Louise, Elgie Etta, Artie Houston, Little Helon, Eugenie May, and Rufus Pleasant. Only Rebecca and Rufus are living.

Rebecca married James W. Walker. They reside in Albertville. Children: Mary—teacher of music. Birmingham. J. W., Jr., lives in Albertville.



Ernest D. Thomas, son of Robert J. and Sarah E. Fletcher Thomas, born Mar. 12, 1882, married first, Feb. 7, 1904 Gussie M Berry; married 2nd Eliza S. Hodges. Children by last union. 1. Gordon L. Thomas, born Jan. 21, 1911. 2. Clyde H. Thomas, born Dec. 16. 1914.

Ernest clerked in store in Madison, Ala., for his brother, Dea, 14 months, then moved to Gurley and with W. G. Berry, his father-in-law ran a store, He moved back to Woodville, Oct. 1908 and has engaged in farming.

Joined the Primitive Baptist 1st Sunday in May 1907, made a Deacon 1920. He is a zealous member.

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miles south of Woodville. He was a brother of Robert J. Hodges, Frances (Hodges) Woodall and my mother Kitty L. (Hodges) Kennamer.

He married Lou. L. Jones, eldest daughter of Rufus H. Jones and Mary Ann C. (Wilson) Jones. He lived at and owned the old home place. He sold it to David Kennamer. George R. Hodges sold groceries and liquor in the little corner house south of the railroad near the crossing in 1879. He did well, but there was so much drinking and fighting, he became disgusted and sold out. He then entered the dry goods business, but did not prosper so well. His wife ran a hotel for years. Mr. Hodges was in public life a great deal. Justice of Peace, Notary Public, County Commissioner (1880-1884) and was a member of the Commissioners who built the first pike roads. He was Postmaster three times. He and Frank Bishop built a gin, after the Woodall-Cobb gin burned. He sold his dwelling to John R. Kennamer in August 1904, and moved to Albertville. He did not live long and is buried in Albertville.

His widow lived to a ripe old age and is buried there also. She has furnished more material for this book than any other person.

Their children are as follows:

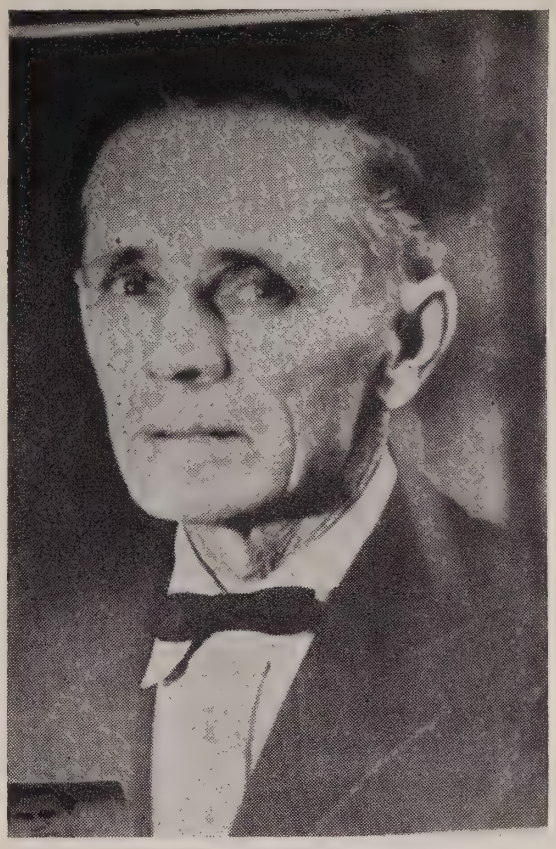
(1) Mary Hodges died at the age of 16.

(2) Albert Sidney Hodges married Mary Butler.
(3) Patrick Wayland Hodges married Georgia E. Howard. P. W. became prominent in State Educational affairs.
(4) Rebecca Hodges married James W. Walker.
(5) Elgie E. Hodges married Peter F. Maples.
(6) Rufus Hodges married Maude Dodd at Dayton, Tennessee. He is a railway agent.
Only Rebecca and Rufus are living.

David and Jacob L. Kennamer

In 1879 David Kennamer and his brother Jacob L. built a store house in Woodville. It was located where Butler and Kennamer's old store stands. This building was later used as a blacksmith shop and then later John Peters used it for a livery stable, before being torn down. Robert J. Hodges clerked for them in 1880. The next year Nelson L. Kennamer ran this store. He and his wife Millard Jones lived in the house with S. H. Kennamer.

Henry McCampbell (Mack) Thomas, son of D. A. Thomas, born Feb. 13, 1882, married Mary Pauline Brown, daughter of I. P. Brown of Aspel. Served three terms as Sheriff of Jackson Co., Ala. from 1919-23, 1927-31. and 1935-39. Children: 1. Mary Lucile, born Nov. 16, 1902, married A. B. Womack, of South Pittsburgh, Tenn. Children: a. Billy Mack. born Jan. 3, 1925; Bobby, born Nov. 8, 1930. Paula Womack born Dec. 3, 1943. 2. Olive Elizabeth Thomas, born April 9, 1915, married L. C. Hodges. Children: Tommy Hodges, born Oct. 13, 1937, Donald Hodges, born March 12, 1944.



David A. Thomas

Dea Thomas was a man of varied talents. He was a merchant, farmer, commissioner (1884-1888), Sheriff 1896 till his death May 1900, a few months before his term expired. After

he sold goods with Woodall and Wann, he sold goods in the frame building that stood where the brick store house built by J. R. Kennamer and Co. is located. Ollie G. Woodall clerked for him.

He bought the farm from Ira Goff Wood known as the A. J. Wann place, kept it two years and sold it, and moved to Thomas' Cove. He married Ada or Eda, the youngest

David A. Thomas, son of William C. and Clara Kennamer Thomas, married Eda J. Maples, youngest daughter of Moses Maples and Katherine Manning. Clara Kennamer was a daughter of Stephen Kennamer, who was a son of Hans Kennamer.

daughter of Moses Maples and Catherine Manning. They reared thirteen children, eight sons and five daughters, namely:

(1) William M. Thomas married Nannie Woodall.
(2) Martha C. Thomas married Hodge Woodall.
(3) Clara S. Thomas married Joseph F. Bulman.
(4) Nannie M. Thomas married P. Hulon Page.
(5) Julia R. Thomas married Elihu Phillips.
(6) Fannie Thomas married Fred K. McClendon.
(7) Mary Thomas married George C. Blackwell.
(8) David Walter Thomas married Ola Austin.
(9) Henry Mack Thomas married Pauline Brown.
(10) Zaida Thomas married James H. McClendon.

(11) John Tal Thomas married Addie Keeble..
(12) Norwood L. Thomas—single.
(13) Edward Ben Thomas married Addie Kelley.

George W. Bulman

Mr. Bulman began selling goods about the year 1885. He lived north of Woodville at the Moses Maples homestead, and had extensive timber business for several years. He was a

Elder George W. Bulman —Age 52 years, three months and five days. Died Mar. 6, 1905.
Martha C. (Woodall) Bulman —Age 62 years, six months, nine days. Died March 13, 1917. George was the eldest son of Jas. W. Bulman, and Elizabeth Bishop:
Martha was the eldest daughter of Jas. R. Woodall and Sarah E. Hodges.

Primitive Baptist preacher. He served as Representative in the Legislature 1900-1901, and was the author of a Road Law, which levied a tax on vehicles. It was very unpopular with all those who had wagons and buggies.

Henry Stephens ran the store for him. Mr. Bulman married Martha C. Woodall. They reared seven daughters and two sons, namely:

(1) Julia Bulman married first Will McGehee; second Doss Reed.

(2) Lula Bulman married James S. Parker.

(3) Nellie Bulman married Jess W. Hartman.

(4) Ida Bulman married Samuel D. Peters.

(5) Edna Bulman married Joseph S. Livingston.

(6) James W. Bulman married Myrtle Parker.

(7) Matie Bulman maried Carleton Walker.

(8) George Robert Bulman married Ada Adella Hodges.

(9) Bessie Bulman married Samuel Butler.

William Lewis

William Lewis was a section foreman and sold groceries, adding dry goods in 1887. He went to Fort North, Texas.

His son Fate Lewis married Snow Stephens, a sister of H. D. Stephens. They went to Texas.

Kate Lewis, daughter of William Lewis, married William Derrick who sold groceries a short time, before going to Texas. He was section foreman a while.

William's father, Eden Derrick settled in Paint Rock Valley, near Walker's Mill. He was killed while serving in the army in Virginia.

Jesse W. Hartman, born Aug. 26, 1874, married at Woodville Nov. 6. 1898, Nellie Bulman, born Oct. 20, 1879. Mr. Hartman died in Scottsboro April 30, 1938, where they lived the last few years. One daughter, Essie Vera Hartman, born July 9, 1900; died May 16, 1949. The widow lives in Scottsboro, Alabama.

CHAPTER 13

Merchants after 1875

Luna Bowers

Luna Bowers was a prominent citizen of Woodville. He married Eliza Dodson. They reared a large family, seven girls and three boys. Mr. Bowers was one of the first Aldermen in the town.

He and his son Charley Bowers bought the grocery and liquor business from David L. Hall, but did not remain in business long because liquor was voted out of the county.

Luna Bowers built the dwelling Earl Kennamer tore down to build his brick dwelling. He was a great fox and deer hunter.

Their children were as folows·

(1) Martha Bowers maried Sim Phillips. They lived where Mrs. Charlotte Roberts lives.

(2) Mary Frances Bowers married Wiley Wright.

(3) Margaret Bowers married David L. Hall.

(4) Emeline Bowers married Tobe Tipton.

(5) Caroline Bowers married first Johnny Fletcher and second Wade Wilhelms.

(6) India P. Bowers married Elder Andrew J. Wann.

(7) Lucinda Bowers married Joe Sherrill.

(8) William G. Bowers married Mary L. Tipton.

(9) John Bowers married Arbelle Houk.

(10) Charley Davis Bowers married Frances Sloan.

Charley Bowers sold groceries in the building built by David and J. L. Kennamer.

Andrew Jackson Wann (1845-1915)

Andrew J. Wann was a school teacher, merchant, farmer, Primitive Baptist preacher, and leader of the Primitive Baptist Church for years. He came to Woodville as a stranger, walking the railroad track, and seeking a place to teach school. The patrons of the community failed at first to employ him, so Mr. Wann proceeded down the railroad track toward Paint Rock. The school patrons changed their minds and sent and brought him back to teach school. He boarded at James R. Woodall. He met and married India P. Bowers, daughter of Luna Bowers. He and his young wife stayed on at the home of Mr. Woodall.

James R. Woodall and A. J. Wann soon entered the merchantile busines in a store house that Mr. Woodall had built in the southwest corner of the W. H. Woodall yard.

Soon thereafter the firm of Wann and Thomas was

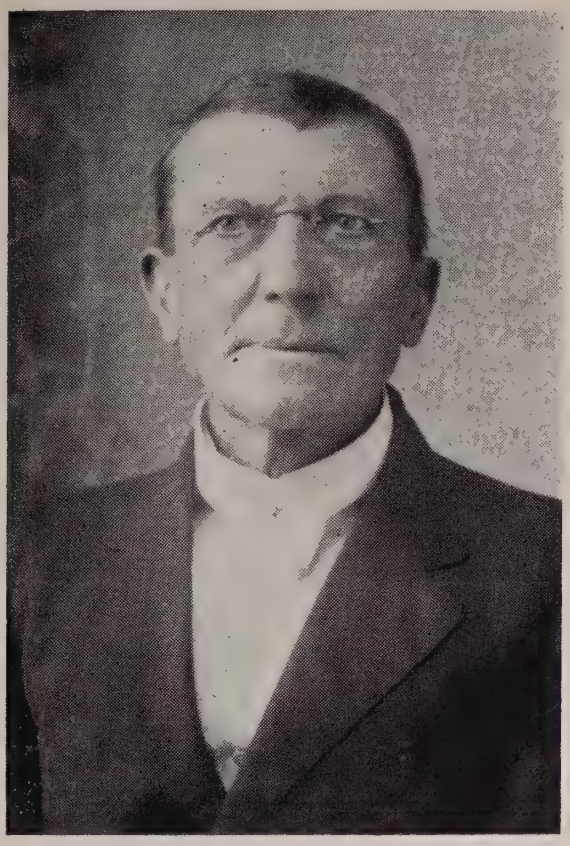
formed. It consisted of A. J. Wann and D. A. Thomas and a little later W. H. Woodall entered the firm. It was then known as Woodall, Wann, and Thomas.

A. J. Wann bought a lot from R. M. (Dick) Erwin, deed recorded 1872. This lot was near the railroad and joined the depot lot on the northeast.

The first house built on this lot was about 50 feet long. Later Mr. Wann built it longer, making it 90 feet long, with a stone chimney at the southwest end and added a small room on the southwest corner. There was a side room on the west.

(2) Nora Wann married Dea Thomas.

(3) Fred Wann married Ora Barnard.



ANDREW J. WANN

A. J. Wann sold lots of cheap goods in this long store.

He bought a great deal of his stock from C. B. Rouse and Co. of New York. His nephew Ernest Wann, whom he reared, clerked for him for a long time. Wann lived where Earl Kennamer built the brick dwelling. He died there.

He bought the farm one mile north of Woodville from D. A. Thomas in 1886 and lived there a few years.

Children by his first wife were as follows:

(1) Annie Wann married Emmett Woodall.

(4) Maude Wann married Joe Pruitt.
(5) Will J. Wann married Vida Barclay.
(6) Bunyan Wann married Lou Driver.

He married 2nd Susan Kennamer Sept. 29, 1892.

After the death of India P. Wann, Mr. Wann married Mary Susan Kennamer (1855-1934). To this union one child was born, Ruth Wann (1894-1900). She was laid to rest on her sixth birthday.

Fred and Maude are the only living children of A. J. Wann.

Jerry E. and Charles B. Kennamer sold groceries a few months in the frame building where the Post Office is now located. This was about the first of this century.

John N. Bulman

John Bulman and George R. Hodges sold goods a while together in a frame house that stood where Butler and Kennamer's brick side room is standing. Bulman and Richard Wann sold goods together a year or two.

Joel Jack Jones was running the John A. Brown Hotel in 1887. The latter sold goods a short time with D. A. Thomas.

James L. Chambless succeeded D. A. Thomas in the mercantile business but like many others, he did not prosper very much.

Woodall and Stephens

Ollie G. Woodall and Henry D. Stephens sold goods in the Clara Bishop store house which was located where the

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John Nealy Bulman (1858-1933) third son of James Bulman and Elizabeth Bishop, married Rebecca George Kennamer (1862-1945), daughter of David Kennamer and Kitty L. Hodges, and sister of the author of this book. They moved many times before settling at Mill Creek, Okla., in 1917, where they lived until death. Woodville never had a more jovial couple. Children: William LaFayette, Mary Elizabeth, James David, Herbert Z. and Orborn D. Bulman. Only the three younger sons are living.

Emmett Woodall, son of Albert and Martha Rebecca Kennamer Woodall, b. Apr. 25, 1869, m. Sept. 14, 1892, Annie Wann, daughter of Andrew J. and India P. Bowers Wann. He went to college one year in Ohio, taught school, entered mercantile business, was appointed postmaster June 23, 1897 at Woodville and served nearly thirteen years. A son, Albert Jackson Woodall, Sr., atty. and grandson, Albert Jackson Woodall, Jr., of Jackson, Tenn.

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store with brick siding was built in 1912 by H. D. Stephens.

They were in business two or three years closing out in the fall of 1900.

Frank Bishop (1848-1914)

George R. Hodges, Sampson Bishop, and Frank Bishop bought land on Vincent Street where the Post Office is located, and where the writer has lived forty six years, at a public sale of the estate of Francis Hendrick in 1880. Jesse E. Brown was the administrator. Francis Hendrick was the second husband of Frances Charlotte (Wright) Dillard. The Bishops sold their interest in this property to George R. Hodges the next year.

Frank Bishop built the dwelling just back of the stores, where W. Sidney Kennamer lived until death. Bishop lived here as long as he lived in Woodville and then sold it to Dr. L. Derrick.

Robert F. Lawing lived in this dwelling the four years he was Postmaster (1889-1893). He made shoes and boots and did a general shoeshop work, while he lived in Woodville. He moved to Gurley, Alabama.

H. D. Stephens lived here until he built the home in the north part of the town. Arty S. Page bought the place and built the house now owned by Miss Bertie Kennamer.

Woodall Brothers

P. H. and J. B. Woodall began selling goods in the old

John A. Brown Hotel building on the south side of the railroad.

At this time A. J. Wann had a store and George W. Bulman was in business.

Competition became quite keen among these merchants. This was in the late eighteen nineties.

Woodall Brothers moved to the store G. R. Hodges had built. It was located where the side room of the brick store of Butler and Kennamer is now. George W. Bulman had sold goods in it.

Woodall enlarged this building, and R. L. Jones began to work here in 1899.

They bought a business at Stevenson in 1902. P. H. moved there. He had been in the mercantile business here.

J. B. later put in a shoe store in Huntsville and finally moved there. He has not been in the mercantile business for several years. He is in the loan business in Huntsville.

Jones and Woodall

Robert L. Jones and Leslie H. Woodall sold goods two years in the store building J. B. Woodall tore down to erect the one story building by the side of the two story brick building that he had built in 1906.

Will J. Wann

Will followed his father A. J. Wann in business in the long store building used by his father. It was cut back to about sixty feet in length. Will Wann sold this building to George S. Butler.

J. B. Woodall and Co.

The members of this firm were J. B. Woodall, Robert L. Jones and Sidney C. Jones. They did a good business, had a large variety of goods, including coffins. After a few years J. B. moved to Huntsville to look after his shoe business, but still kept his interest in business in Woodville.

Jones Brothers continued to run the business here until Robert L. Jones was appointed Rural Mail Carrier. They sold the business to P. J. and W. S. Kennamer.

W. S. Kennamer sold his farm in Kennamer Cove and bought the brick store building.

Kennamer Brothers ran the store for a few years. They, too, sold coffins.

Kennamer, Jones and Co.

W. S. Kennamer, Mrs. Amanda Jones, and Mrs. Lace Barclay were in business when the great fire July 29, 1929 burned the store building and all the contents.

They rebuilt the brick store and continued in business. C. L. Hodges bought the side store and John Maples bought the main building.

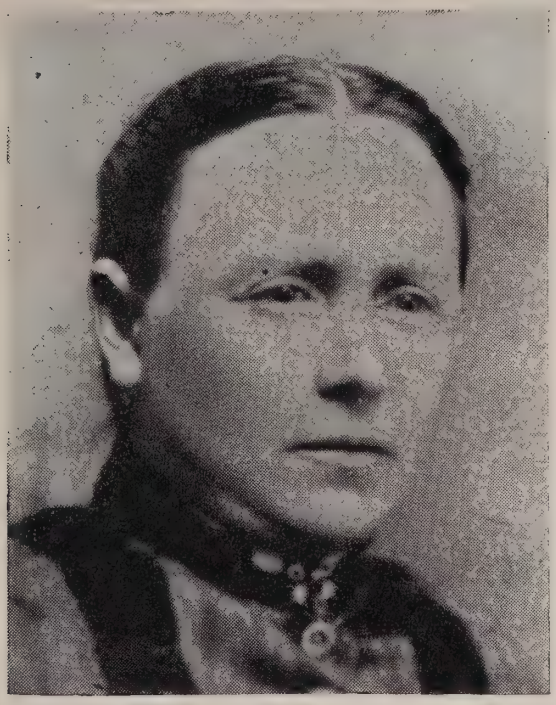
W. H. Woodall

After the mercantile firm of Woodall, Wann, and Thomas was dissolved, W. H. Woodall and Thomas M. Cobb sold goods and built a gin. This gin was located where Mrs. C. L. Hodges lives. It burned after a few years service. Woodall and Cobb dissolved partnership, and Woodall continued to sell goods in the store located in the southwest corner of his yard. W. H. Woodall was elected Tax Collector for Jackson County in 1896.

William P. Guynn moved to Gurley January 1, 1900, and W. H. Woodall tore down the old store building in the southwest corner of his yard in 1901 and used the W. P. Guynn store building in the southeast corner of his yard until his death.

W. H. Woodall married first Mary Harless. Their children were:

(1) John Wade Woodall married Lucy Garland.
(2) Fannie Woodall married John W. Maples.
(3) Henry Woodall married Willie Barron.
(4) Thomas B. Woodall married first Sue Finney and



Wm. Henry Woodall b. Jan. 14, 1849, died July 30, 1920, m. Dec. 21, 1871, Mary Ann Harless, b. July 30, 1853, died Aug. 2, 1905. She was reared by John A. Brown, her mother, having died when she was a child. Children: John Wade, Frances A., Henry and Tom B. Woodall.

second Bessie Holder.

After the death of Mary, his wife, Mr. Woodall marreid Mrs. Mattie (Gross) Cobb, the widow of Martin Cobb Sr. She is the mother of Fern Cobb, who married J. Frank Hodges, and Martin Cobb who married Laurene Kennamer.

Emmett Woodall

Emmett Woodall was Postmaster nearly thirteen years and also ran a store during this time.

He started to build a two story frame building on the west side of the A. J. Wann store. There came a tornado through Wright's Cove October 9, 1914 and blew over Mr. Woodall's uncompleted store building. He then built only a one story house.

This building was bought by Butler and Kennamer and moved to its present location. They bought the lot from W. J. Kennamer. He had bought it from the Dr. L. Derrick estate.

Walter J. Kennamer

W. J. Kennamer worked in the store of J. R. Kennamer and Co. nearly seven years. He then went to J. B. Woodall for six years.

He entered the mercantile business for himself. He sold goods for nearly a year in the A. J. Wann store, and then moved to the store that was owned by H. Stephens. After six years in the mercantile business he began as a salsman for Thomas and Moore Drygoods Co. He retired March 31, 1949, having worked for them twenty three years and three months.

W. J. Kennamer, born April 20, 1883; m. Oct 15, 1905, Nellie Frances Barclay b. Jan. 29, 1884. Children: Ruby Clarice, Helen Marie, Edith Ione, Virginia Martha, Mary Frances, Walter Fredrick, and Bennie W. Kennamer.

Samuel Elbert Kennamer, son of P. J. and Nacy Eliza (Elkins) Kennamer, b. Aug. 14, 1886, m. Nov. 11, 1906, Julia Mae Butler, daughter of Green and Mary E. (Parkhill) Butler, b. April 24, 1887. They moved to Woodville, Elbert entered the mercantile business of W. H. Butler and Co. January 1, 1919. He is still in business with Geo. S. Butler as partner. He and Julia have been members of Union Primitive Baptist Church since 1913. Albert is clerk of Mud Creek Primitive Baptist Association, having been elected in 1936. Children: 1. Elton Leon Kennamer, b. Nov. 19, 1908, m. Ruby Derrick. They have a son, Elton Leon Kennamer. Elton, Sr., and Houston run a furniture store in Guntersville. 2. Alvin B. Kennamer, b. July 24, 1911, m. Beulah Crabtree, a girl, Ann Kennamer. Alvin is traveling salesman, with Thomas and Moore Dry Goods Co., Chattanooga. 3. Houston Kennamer, b. June 17, 1914, m. Madge Kelly. 4. Rayburn Kennamer, b. Oct. 22, 1917, m. Larue Phillips. They have two children: Ray and Gail. Rayburn has a hardware store in Guntersville.

Homer Lee Hodges, son of James R. and Mattie (Thomason) Hodges, b. May 11, 1887, m. Oct. 15, 1911, Millard Lee Page, daughter of Robt. C. and Josephine (Kennamer) Page, b. July 12, 1893. They live in Woodville, where Homer has run a barber shop for years, loves to fish and hunt. Both have been members of the Missionary Baptist since 1931. Children: 1. Elvin Eileen, b. Aug. 3 ,1912; d. Nov. 6, 1918. 2. Cora Elsie Hodges, b. Sept. 23, 1914, m. A. H. Kennamer Dec. 26, 1934. Children: Lucy Ann, Cora Elsie and David Lee Kennamer. 3. Grover Cleveland Hodges, b. Feb. 26, 916, m. June 20, 1940, Virginia Harbin.

W. H. and G. S. Butler

Wiley H. Butler and George S. Butler sold goods in the Wann house until George S. Butler entered World War I.

Samuel E. Kennamer became a partner and the firm name was changed to W. H. Butler and Co.

After World War I, George came back and W. H. Butler sold out and moved to Scottsboro and worked in Jacob and Spivey's Wholesale Co., now the Scottsboro Wholesale Co. He and Lawton Kennamer established the Wholesale business of "Butler and Kennamer." They have prospered in this business.

Butler and Kennamer—Woodville

George S. Butler and Samuel E. Kennamer have been successful in the mercantile business and now have lately bought the brick store from John Maples. The first brick store was built by J. B. Woodall. It was burned in the great fire of July 23, 1929, then owned by W. S. Kennamer, Amanda Jones, and Lace Barclay. They rebuilt it and sold it to John W. Maples, when they quit the mercantile business.

Butler and Kennamer have repaired it and have a first class up to date store.

J. R. Kennamer and Co.

J. R. Kennamer moved from Union Grove where he had taught school for two years, to Woodville, March 23, 1903. He entered the mercantile business in partnership with S. H. Kennamer under the firm name of J. R. Kennamer and Co.

They bought a small business house from P. H. Woodall that stood where the brick store now owned by Campbell Brothers.

They began business April 1, 1903. The mercantile business then was quite different from what it is today. We had no telephones, no rural mail routes, no parcel post mail, and no mail order houses to supply goods. The merchant usually bought two big bills of goods a year, one in the spring and another one in the fall.

There was entirely too much credit business done. On January 1, 1904 Henry D. Stevens was taken in as a partner, and we bought out E. Woodall. Mr. Stephens retired from the business at the end of 1906.

We then took as partners, my brothers P. J. and D. C. Kennamer. They retired from the business, and Patrick M. Kennamer stayed one year (1913), having married and moved to New Hope, Madison County, Alabama.

Patrick Milton Kennamer, son of Isham Asap Kennamer and Margaret Angeline Elkins, born in Kennamer Cove Mar. 20, 1888., m. Sept. 17, 1913, Mary Nathan McKinney, daughter of Thomas Eason McKinney and Sarah Jane Whitaker of New Hope, Ala., born Dec. 2, 1886; attended local schools, Decatur High, and Agricultural School at Albertville. She worked in the New Hope Bank. P. M. attended the public schools, and Jacksonville State Teachers College; taught school three years, before joining the firm of J. R. Kennamer and Co., Woodville, Ala., for one year, 1913. He moved to New Hope and became a member of the T. E. McKinney and Co. In 1921, he accepted a position on the road selling knit goods over the Southeastern states. He has been with the Columbian Mutual Life Ins. Co. since 1938, is now District manager, located at Huntsville, Ala. They have no children.

After Walter J. Kennamer worked for us seven years we employed Elbert R. Campbell, December 5, 1910. After six years he was made a partner. When World War I came, Elbert sold his interest in the business and joined the Navy. After the war closed he reentered the business. We sold to Earl Kennamer one-third interest March 5, 1919. He and Elbert bought the building March 12, 1919.

J. R. Kennamer sold his interest in the business of J. R. Kennamer and Co. and the firm name was changed to Kennamer and Campbell. J. R. Kennamer moved the Post Office to the northeast side of the J. B. Woodall brick store

building, and kept it there until he bought the frame building, from Dr. Rayford Hodges in October 1922.

The Post Office was kept in the Hodges building until the fire July 23, 1929 burned it. This building was replaced in February and March 1933 by a brick veneer building.

J. R. Kennamer kept the Post Office here until P. Elwyn Page was appointed Acting Postmaster August 6, 1934.

J. R. Kennamer had served twenty four years two months and six days as Postmaster. He reentered business January 3, 1936 and retired March 1, 1946. He sold the store building to Bea Page in 1949.

P. J. Kennamer sold groceries in the W.O.W. building a few years. The Post Office was kept here for nearly three years after the 1929 fire. S. W. Thomas sold goods one year in the early 1920ties before moving to Scottsboro.

P. F. Maples

Mr. Maples withdrew from the firm of Kennamer, Campbell, and Co. and sold groceries in the brick store owned by his brother John W. Maples. He closed out his business December 31, 1948, on account of his health.

A. S. Page sold goods in the W.O.W. building a few years before P. J. Kennamer used the building.

He built the dwelling house and lived where W. Sidney Kennamer lived. He sold it to Sidney.

P. E. Kennamer built the store house near the railroad in 1927 and did well in the grocery business. He sold his stock of goods to Hilbert L. and David L. Kennamer, sons of J. R. Kennamer. He took the business over January 3, 1936 from his sons.

D. L. Kennamer

D. L. Kennamer had a lunch room and sold groceries in the W.O.W. building a few years.

He later owned and ran a filling station down on the Lee Highway until his death in August 1942.

Lawton C. Kennamer

Lawton was in the wholesale candy business a year, from May 1, 1936 to May 1937. He sold this business to J. R. Kennamer Jr. who ran it for a few years. The business was located in the Leonard Butler Garage building.

J. R. Kennamer Jr. built a candy house at his home near the gin. He sold out to Allison Candy Co. of Paint Rock.

After World War I dwelling houses were built in the western part of the town.

Garages

Leonard Butler began the repair of autos in the Er-

win Phillips Shop. He went to Nashville and took a course in mechanics after being in World War I.

Bentley Hill took a course at Scottsboro. He opened a garage in the old A. J. Wann building in partnership with Buddy Hall.

Walter Hill ran a grist mill in the same building. Bentley Hill died and Buddy Hall's health failed and he died also. Willie R. Kennamer bought Hall's interest and he and Leonard Butler worked here eighteen months. Kennamer sold out. Butler continued here until 1929. He built the large garage building. Paul Hodges worked with Butler for some time. Butler did a thriving business during the construction

Lawton C. Kennamer, son of U. H. and Beulah Esther (Butler) Kennamer, b. July 5, 1911, m. Dec. 27, 1933, Grace Evans, b. Feb. 3, 1909. Both graduated from Woodville High School. Lawton got a two-year diploma, Florence, Ala., taught seven years; first school in Boxes Cove and last as principal of Stevenson Elementary School, was in wholesale candy business at Woodville one year, 1937; traveled 1938 for Brock Candy Co., in Florida, South Georgia, and South Alabama. Dec. 15, 1938, he and W. H. Butler established Butler and Kennamer Wholesale Gro. business, Scottsboro, Ala. They have prospered. Grace went to Howard College, and State Teachers College, Florence, taught 13 years in Jackson Co. Children: 1. Sarah Kay, b. Oct. 22, 1938. 2. Sandra Jean, b. Sept. 14, 1945. Both are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. They live in Scottsboro, Ala.

of the Lee Highway.

Butler retired from business and sold the building to the Woodville Gin Co.

Dr. Rayford Hodges built a garage where the Elkins sisters live for Paul Hodges. Paul died and Fred Swaim ran it a while.

Dry Cleaning

Delbert Hodges and Earl Butler built a dry cleaning plant after World War II. Earl Butler sold his interest very soon to Hodges.

It has done a good business from the beginning.

Delbert Hodges sold it to Harrison Hodges his brother, and Delbert Hodges, a cousin. They ran it a year or so and sold it back to Delbert Hodges, the original owner.

Keth Theater was built by Kenneth Hodges, Earl Kennamer, Gordon Thomas, and Houston Kennamer. It was run a year or two.

Hodges Cafe is run by Lois Hodges and her father, Roy Hodges and mother, Pearl Hodges.

There are four filling stations on the Lee Highway. They are owned and have been run by so many different persons it would be difficult to name all of them. They all carry groceries. Some of the names are: W. K. Kennamer, P. Elwyn Page, Oliver and K. Hodges, D. L. Kennamer and Sons, W. R. and Aubery Kennamer, W. Ed Bulman, Hobert and Mitt Butler, Murrel and W. O. Kennamer, Harrison Hodges, Gordon Thomas and others. Author Collins built a gas station on the East side of the Lee Highway in the early part of 1949.

Merchants

Dave Allison and Frank Henry sold goods in Woodville two or more years 1880-1882. On September 1, 1880 Dave Allison bought a home here. It was the log house Mrs. Charlotte Roberts tore down to build her dwelling.

Frank Henry moved to Lim Rock in the fall of 1882.

Woodville Appliance Co.

The Woodville Appliance Co. was established after World War II by Houston Kennamer and Milner H. Jones. Kennamer sold out to Jones who continues to run the business.

Kennamer went to Guntersville and with his brother Elton Kennamer, runs a furniture business.

In March 1946 the Woodville Shoe Shop was started. Earl Kennamer furnished the house and the equipment. Emmett Pockrus did the work. He went to Gurley in 1949.

Lendon R. Kennamer who got his training with Pockrus, is now running the business.

Woodville Had a Fire

In June 1949, the Bus Station and M. H. Jones Appliance store were burned. The Hodges Cafe building was damaged.

The D. L. Kennamer gas station was damaged by fire in July 1949.

The Barber Business

The first man we have any record to do barber work in Woodville was E. O. D. (Hane) Pruitt. He cut hair and shaved people when he was a blacksmith, and in the same building. He had no barber chair—only a common chair or a block of wood to sit on.

His shop was located where Claude N. Baker now lives.

A little later, others worked at the barber trade at different times and in various places in the town. Mr. Bullock, Mr. Austell, Ed Wright and Wheeler Peters, each did barber work.

J. B. Woodall bought a barber chair, put it in his store, employed some one to work on Saturdays.

The price for a shave had been for years 10 cents, haircut 15 cents. Sometime later these prices were raised to 15 cents for a shave and 25 cents for a haircut.

Homer Lee Hodges bought a barber's chair and began regular barber work in 1919, and has continued to the present time. He had worked some for ten years previous. He is an excelent barber, and draws work from other palces.

He is well known as "Barber Hodges," and is a son of James R. Hodges and Mattie Thomason, born May 11, 1887, married Oct. 15, 1911, Millard Lee Page, born July 12, 1893.

Children: 1. Elvin Eileen Hodges, born Aug. 3, 1912. 2. Cora Elsie Hodges, born Sept. 23, 1914, married A. H. Kennamer. 3. Grover Cleveland Hodges, born Feb. 26, 1916, married Virginia Harbin. H. L. and wife are missionary Baptists and own their home in Woodville.

Cold Drinks

Henry Woodall ran a cold drink business where Hane Pruitt had his blacksmith shop, near the W.O.W. building. He sold out to Joe McGahey and Silas Woodall. They put in a poolroom, but it did not last long. Henry moved to Scottsboro.

Bunyan Hodges and Lee Page opened up a soda fountain in the W.O.W. building. It was continued for some time by M. A. Hodges.

Dr. Shipp had his office in this buldng.

CHAPTER 14

Education

The pioneer settler had very little opportunity to get an education except the experience acquired in the course of life.

In early times, if one could read and write a little, especially if he were a cripple, and not able to do hard manual labor, and had a limited ability to figure, he was employed to teach three months in the summer in some home or log house, crib or church house.

One of the chief qualifications of a teacher was that he could use the switch briskly. They had no lead pencils, nor paper, and only a few books, the McGuffey's blue back speller and reader and Davies Arithmetic. Some had slates and slate pencils to figure. To erase anything on the slate one often spit on the slate and rubbed in out with his hand.

The foregoing equipment and conditions were to be found in the communities here for many years.

The funds derived from the rent or sale of the sixteenth Section of land in each township was handled by three trustees and the County Judge.

The State school system was not established until 1854. The County Superintendent's office was created in 1856.

Some Early Schools

Seaborn I. Rountree was appointed Postmaster January 7, 1841. He kept the office at his home and also taught school in his home. His home was one half mile east of Old Woodville. Mrs. Lucy (Hodges) Butler said, "I went to school there to him." I am sure that my mother went to school to Rountree, and some of the Dillard girls and others in the community.

Evangeline Smith, wife of John P. Smith, and daughter of Seaborn I. Rountree taught school about this same time in her home that was located at the place now known as the Chastain place. Thomas Sims, born 1835 said, "I went to school to Mrs. Smith when I was a small boy. It was my first school."

Old Man Switcher

More than two or three have told me that they had gone to school to him. He taught in a little house that stood at the east end of the Allen field, on the north side of the

road. This is a quarter of a mile or more east of Old Woodville. He was a cripple man.

Eliza Smith

She taught a three months school in the Primitive Baptist church house at Union Cemetery in 1852. Mrs. Lou L. Hodges, wife of George Hodges said, "I went to two schools taught in this house."

Miss India McBride

Miss McBride also taught school in the same house in Union Cemetery.

Bud Ross

Bud Ross taught school east of Old Woodville near the Rountree home. He was a son of Albert Ross who first owned the farm in Thomas Cove. Shant Ross and Mit Ross were sons of Albert Ross. There were three sisters, Evangeline Ross married Jasper N. Mathany. What relation, if any, Hiram Ross second postmaster of Woodville, appointed August 25, 1826, and Albert Ross were, I do not know.

Woodville School house, one half mile west of the town, near the railroad. Built 1905.

Woodville old high school, south of town, built on 5 acres bought from T. M. Cobb for $1,000.00.

George Gipson

Mrs. Helen Fletcher said, "I went to school to George Gipson on "Tick Ridge." He was an old man. There was a Provinse home near the spring on "Tick Ridge" and the school house." George Gipson married Rosa Bishop, a sister of Sampson Bishop and Nancy C. Bishop, who married Willis Kennamer, brother of Stephen E. Kennamer, and Elizabeth Bishop who married James Bulman.

Gipson and wife had a daughter, Mary Isbell Gipson, who married William Franklin Hodges. She and her baby died at childbirth. Hodges then married Martha Ann Peters.

Robert P. Mackey

Robert P. Mackey was appointed Postmaster at Old Woodville, September 5, 1854 and served one year. He was again appointed Postmaster September 21, 1858. Between his first and second terms as postmaster, Clement C. Shelton, Joel P. Ledbetter, and Murphey Mathany, each served as Postmaster a little over a year.

Mr. Mackey lived at the Wann place and taught school in a long log crib at the place just across the road from the D. C. Kennamer home in north Woodville. Jim Law taught school in a long log crib at the place just across the road from the D. C. Kennamer home in north Woodville. Jim Law taught two schools here. He built the house just across the railroad from Walter J. Kennamer. This house is still

standing, and is the oldest house in Woodville. David L. Hall bought this house and lived in it.

Mack Grizzle, uncle of Isaac Grizzle, taught in the log crib. Silas P. Woodall, Sr. was teaching here when the war began. All the foregoing schools were taught before the Civil War. There were no schools taught during the Civil War.

Capt. Henry Smith taught a school in Woodville, and while teaching he boarded here.

George Clamped

George Clamped, who lived at Coffeetown, taught two schools near Old Woodville. He was also a carpenter. He went to texas and after fourteen years stay in that state, he came back to Woodville to put a tombstone at his father's grave in Union Cemetery, but could not locate precisely the grave, did not do it.

Billie Grayson

Mr. Grayson married Elizabeth Evans, daughter of John H. Evans.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Stephens) (Evans) Deerman said, "I went to school to Old Man Switcher east of Old Woodville. This was my first school. My second school, I went to Billie

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John Franklin Hodges, son of Claude L. and Margaret J. (Page) Hodges, married 1923, Gertrude Hall (now deceased), daughter of D. L. and Rebecca (Chambless,) Hall. One daughter: Jane Ellis Hodges; married a second time, 1947, Fern Cobb, daughter of Martin and Mattie (Gross) Cobb. Education: Gurley High School, Southern Methodist College, Birmingham, with graduate work Chicago University. Taught 31 years —Principal 5 years Stevenson High School, four years Scottsboro City School, County Supt. 16 years, in Jackson County. He is now engaged in superintending his farms and writing insurance.

Patrick Wayland Hodges, born Jan. 26, 1872, died April 8, 1934, married Georgia E. Howard, of Albertville.

P. W.'s life work was that of an educator; on leaving College he became a teacher, public school administrator, secretary State board of examinors, and member constitutional convention 1901. He was a gifted speaker, with a charming personality and deeply religious.

Children: 1. Margaret Louise Hodges. 2. Patrick Wayland, Jr. and George Marion Hodges, both lost their lives in World War II. George left one small son.

Grayson at the big spring down near the Jack Jones place."

Mr. Grayson taught in a house on the Dillard land south of Woodville. It stood just outside of the Ernest Thomas pasture. Hane Pruitt and A. J. Wann also taught school in this house. As the people had no title to the land on which this house stood, they moved it up on the ridge. Rufus H. Jones gave one acre of his land to build on. This place became known as "Tick Ridge."

Miss Rosa Norris

Miss Norris taught five schools in and near Woodville. The first two terms were taught in a large crib, that stood between W. P. Guynn's home, now E. R. Campbell's and the Robert L. Jones home, near the Methodist Church.

The community split on the school question. One party built a log house south of town near the mountain on the Dillard land, later owned by R. J. Thomas. This is the house A. J. Wann taught in and then it was moved to "Tick Ridge."

Miss Norris taught in a log house near the present negro school, a little north of it. Miss Rosa Norris married a Lilly who got scalded to death. She lived to a ripe old age near New Market, Alabama, dying about 1925.

Miss Annie Scruggs

She taught school in the Methodist church soon after it was built. She married Richard Hunt, Solicitor for many years in Jackson County.

Wiley Burge and John Parker were school trustees at this time.

Gum Forbes

"Mr. Forbes was a large, one-legged man, rather rough on the children, whipping quite severely, used crutches, wore a wig, used dope, would sleep in school, pray in church and use his liquor," as stated by one of his students, James S. Parker.

Dan Coleman, Jr.

He was the son of Presiding Elder Coleman and taught at Woodville in 1877 and 1878.

James Wann taught here in 1879,

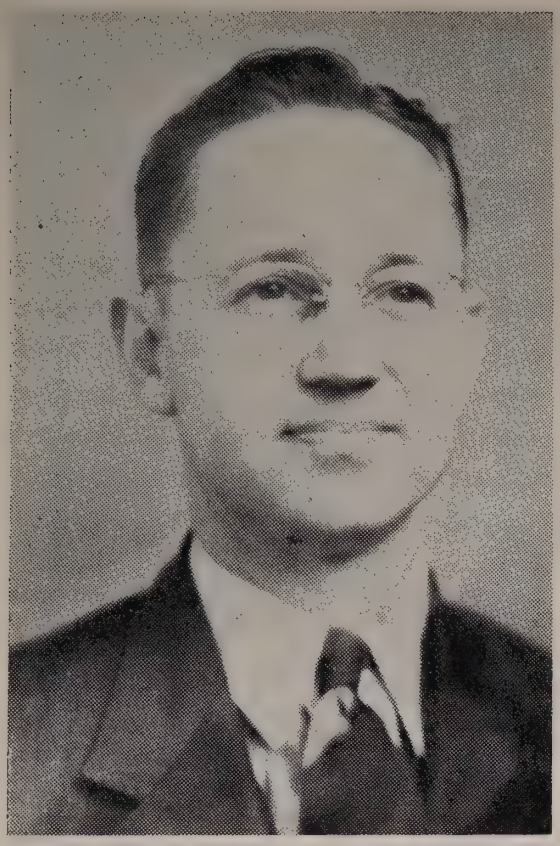
Miss Idella Brown, daughter of M. P. Brown, Judge of Probate, and Methodist preacher, taught here in the early part of 1880.

Emma Guynn taught two schools in the Methodist church house.

J. Mack Dicus taught school in the Methodist church house in the late 1870ties or early 1880ties. He then made a doctor and practiced here a year or two.

About this time the school house up above R. L. Jones' home was built.

Audrey Bartlett, daughter of Mrs. Blanche Maples, and the late Charles Leonard Bartlett., b. at Chapel Hill, Tenn., Dec. 25, 1913. Education —High School, Gurley, Ala; Florence State Teachers College and Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas. Taught since 1933, at West Huntsville, 1933-1938; Hazel Green, 3 years; Dasher Bible School, Valdosta, Ga., 1941-42 and Woodville High School since 1942. Has typed most of the manuscript for this book.



DELBERT HICKS

Delbert Hicks, is 36 years of age, is married and has a wife and two children, B. G., age 14, and Jessie Dell, age 5. Mrs. Hicks was the former Miss Mollie Young, of Pisgah. She is a teacher. Mr. Hicks is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hicks, of Dutton Community. Education: After graduating from High School, he went to Jacksonville State Teachers College, taught at Poplar Springs, Mt. Olive, Dean's Chapel, Stevenson, Pleasant View, Pisgah, and was principal of Woodville High School 1947 to 49. He attended State University, and Florence, getting his Master's degree at Peabody College June 3, 1949. He was elected Nov. 1948, Co. Supt. of Education, began a four year term July 1, 1949. He is energetic, popular and efficient. He and wife are Missionary Baptists.

Joe B. Sherrill taught on Tick Ridge, and Woodville and published his "Short Method of Arithmetic" in 1884.

James Overton taught here in 1885.

Schools Taught at the Home of Monroe Page

Wiley B. Parkill taught here once.

Thomas Gormely and Andrew J. Wann each taught here. Mrs. Lucy A. Elkins now living at the age of 94 went to Mr. Wann here. Rufus B. Hodges, now 89 years old went to school here to Mr. Gormely. They lived at that time at the George Lee home, now known as the Pleas Hodges home, where Sam Kennamer lives.

Tim Perkins, Ollie G. Woodall and others attended school here.

Joel Barclay School House

This house was a little more than a mile west of the home where the writer was born and lived till grown. At this place the writer taught his first three schools in 1892-3-4; though he never went to school here when a boy.

Thomas Gormely taught here after teaching at the Mon-

roe Page house. Rufus Hodges and my three older brothers and sisters attended this school. Many others taught here as follows: Demarias (Biddle) Woodall, mother of Robert, Sidney and Will G. Jones, Emma Guynn, James Langston, Grace Perciville, Pat. H. Kennamer, Ada Lovelass, Eula Pherson, James Maples, Andrew Kennamer, John R. Kennamer, Barton Kennamer, and Lige Whiteaker. This house was moved to near the Jackson-Marshal County line between W. O. Butler's and Green Butler's homes. It was called "Harry's Chapel".

Barton Kennamer, Ernest Bennett, Miss Maude Roberts, and Judge F. E. Kennamer taught school in this house. It was a cedar log house and was sold to make pencils. The money was used in building Rocky Ridge school house.

The Billie Barclay School House

This house was located four miles east of Woodville, near the Barclay Spring. Those who taught here were: Hale Isbell, James L. Chambless, Johnny Woods, and Tempie Young.

This building was moved to near the M. B. (Gum) Thomas house. It was called cedar Grove or (Poor Do). The following persons taught there: Eula Owens, Cornelia Owens, Jesse Minnex, Ernest Whitaker, Sallie Whitten, Gillie Bishop, Barton Kennamer, and G. J. Thompson.

Bertie Inez Kennamer, born April 12, 1908. Finished Woodville High School 1927, attended Florence State Teachers College, started teaching 1928, received B.S. degree in 1944 from Florence State Teachers College.

Taught 20 years in public schools of Alabama in Marshall and Jackson counties.

She teaches in Woodville, owns her late father's home adjoining the writer's home in Woodville. She is a member of the Church of Christ.

Milner Homer Jones, son of Charlie Truman Jones and Ida Rutledge Jones, was born ten miles south of Boaz at Mt. Hebron on Sand Mountain, March 11, 1904. He is a graduate of the Albertville State Agricultural School, Jacksonville Normal School and holds a B.S. degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He has done graduate work at A.P.I. and George Peabody College in Nashville. June 17, 1927, he married the former Miss Fannye Sue Maples of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama. They have one son, M. H. Jr. who was born May 9, 1933. Mr. Jones, after having taught a number of years, came to Woodville High School as Science teacher and coach in September 1935. He has held his present position, as Science teacher for the past fifteen years.

Hodges Chapel

Hodges Chapel located near Cedar Grove was used as a school house for a few years. Those who taught here are as follows: Dr. Rayford Hodges, Bentley Thomas, Mae Hodges, and Cecil Hodges.

Mount Olivet

Mount Olivet church house was built in 1887, by the Cumberland Presbyterians. It was used also as a school house. The names of those who taught here are: Jennie Cowley, Guy Kirby, Hugh Porter, Brent Petty, Madge Petty, Eula Owens, Tempie Young, Horace Vandiver, Mrs. Tabbie Puckett, Lillie Porter, John W. Maples, Hortense Jenkins, Houston Roden, Bentley Thomas, Richard Wheeler, Newman Brown, Feland Brown, and Jeppie Branham.

Peter's Cove Schools

Clay Edwin taught in a log house in the yard at Charley Stephens's home now owned by George S. Butler. A school house was built near the home of Ed Maples. Robert

Higgins taught three schools here when a young man. He went to Oklahoma, locating at McAllister. He became a Circuit Judge and was a prominent citizen. He died in January 1949.

Miss Fannie (Woodall) Maples taught four three month summer schools in that house. John W. Maples and Wiley H. Butler taught there. Wannie Thomas, Tal Roach, Vandiver, Kate Chandler and Ola Thomas taught there.

Miss Missouri Mullins taught at Union Church house. Mollie Womack and Sidney Hodges taught there. This was Sidney's first school.

Thomas Cove School House

It was located where the Thomas-Hodges Reunions were held a few years. Those who taught here were: Bill Maples, James M. Thomas, Robert L. Thomas, Bill Kerr, Joe B. Sherrill, James L. Chambless, C. C. (Lum) Boshart, and Wiley Frank Kennamer.

Bill Maples taught a school here about the year 1864 or 65. W. J. Fletcher was one of his students until he had to leave on account of the war.

There were three places in Kennamer Cove where schools were taught. They were Pisgah, the log house near the Seaborn F. Kennamer home, and Pine Grove just across the road from where Frank Page lived. This house was built

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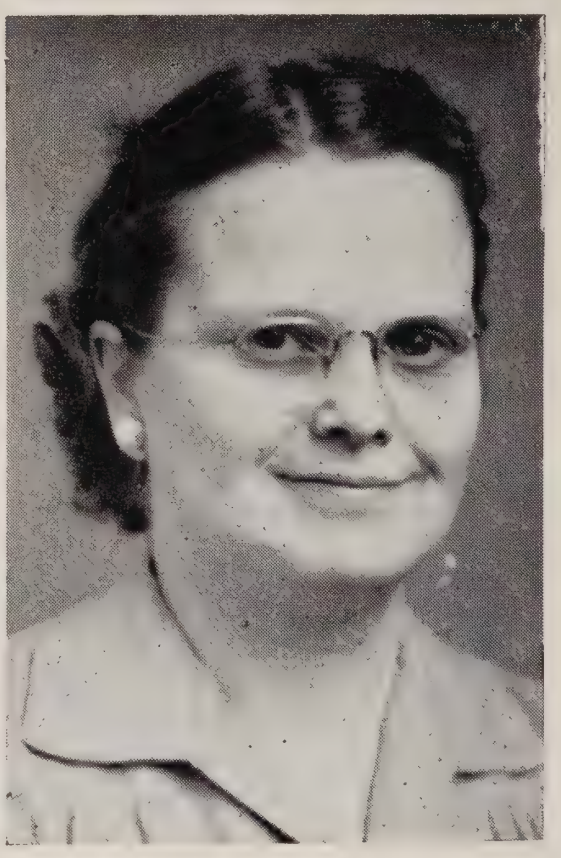

Fannye Sue Maples Jones, daughter of Z. R. Maples and Eliza Catherine Cowan Maples, was born at Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, July 28, 1908.

Mrs. Jones is a graduate of New Hope High School and holds a B.S. degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

She came to Woodville High School as Home Economics teacher in September 1935, and has held the same position continuously down to the present time. Both are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

in 1898, by the Church of Christ, but some schools were taught in it until it was burned one day while school was in session. The writer taught here in 1901, also Miss Hattie Grimes. D. P. Woodall, Mable Gillis, Rayford Hodges, Bentley Thomas, James Huckaby.

Some noted educators taught in the log house built by the Church of Christ in 1870: Captain John B. Kennamer, Charn Stewart, and Will J. Watson. Watson was as fine a teacher as any of today. He taught a three months school in the fall of 1878 and made such a good record the people of the Cove employed him to teach a ten months school beginning the first Monday in January 1879 at Pisgah. The writer had the good fortune to go to both schools. Another good teacher was Ora Knowlton. Miss Gertie Needham also taught here. The foregoing taught in this log church house.

Teachers at Pisgah

Captain James Fletcher, two daughters of Caroline Rector, (given names not known), Professor Vaughan of Tennessee, Saint John and Albert Woodall. Those who taught in the house now standing were Will J. Watson, John M. Watson, Christopher C. (Lum) Boshart, Erskine Wood, Mr. Bain, Pleasant D. Kennamer, Ora Knowlton, Miss Gertie Needham, John F. Proctor, Miss Woody Holland. The latter taught the last school I attended in the Cove. There were other teachers who taught here before this school was consolidated with D.A.R. School and Woodville High School. Some of the teachers were Emmett Woodall, D. P. Woodall. I taught two schools at Pisgah.

J. F. Hodges, Ora Wallace and Ulysses Huckaby taught at Pisgah.

Woodville Schools After 1880

About this time the people of the town built a school house just north of the town. It was located up nearer the mountain than the Missionary Baptist church house, just west of the church house. Teachers who taught in this house were: Joe B. Sherrill, James Overton, James E. Wann, Tom Brown, Virgil Bouldin, John F. Proctor, Will Proctor, Miss Dida Butler, Emmett Woodall, Thomas J. Kennamer, Ben Hill, and John W. Maples taught in the summer of 1898. J. R. Thomas taught in the summer of 1899. John R. Kennamer began teaching November 1899 a five months school. Miss Fannie Woodall taught in the summer of 1900. She was followed by Richard Rousseau in 1901.

Will J. Money began teaching in the fall of 1903. He lived in the old W. P. Guynn home.

WOODVILLE'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

When the old high school building burned on the afternoon of December 1, 1948, the community set about at once to rebuild. They bought a 10-acre plot on the west side of the highway. During the year, 1949, a modern school building of ten class rooms, large auditorium, which is used also as a gymnasium, modern sanitary system, steam heat, costing $100,000.00, the people of the communities paying about $8,000.00 and the state furnishing the rest. The architect was Wilmont C. Douglas of Birmingham, Ala. Leonard M. Patterson, under the employment of the County Board of Education, supervised the construction.

Ora Barnard, who married Fred Wann, taught in the old school building. She and Fred began housekeeping in part of my dwellnig. They moved to Madison, Alabama, where she served as Postmaster for many years. J. R. Clark taught the last school in the old building.

The school building west of Woodville near the railroad cut was built in 1905. It was a three room frame building. Woodville used two teachers for a few years, and later three teachers were used until the first high school building was erected in 1923.

J. R. Clarke taught the first school in this building, assisted by Miss Nannie Jones. Mr. Clarke made a doctor, but did not live long to practice his profession.

G. J. Thompson, after teaching a year or two at Cedar

Grove and Rockdale came to Woodville and taught school. Miss Sadie Coe was his assistant.

Joe D. Garren taught from 1908 to 1910. He lived on Sand Mountain. Jesse H. Wheeler, who went to school here to Professor Garren, was from Pisgah on the mountain. Wheeler taught here in 1910 andd 1911, assisted by Miss Nannie Jones.

J. D. Smith of Fort Payne taught here in 1911 and 1912. He was assisted by Miss Beulah Erwin of Larkinsville.

Other teachers who taught her were: J. B. Cagle, Alfred Hodges, Ollie G. Pope, and Frank Johnson. James A. Kyle taught in 1921 and 1923.

Those who assisted were: Miss Maggie Rumsey, Mrs. Virginia (Ayers) Campbell, Hazel Ashmore, Mrs. Vick (Rennels) Butler, and Kate Chandler, Miss Sallie Ivey.

Woodville High School

In the fall of 1922, a few patrons met the county board of education and secured Miss Mary Shipp to teach high school grades. The patrons had to pay part of her salary, buy desks and other things. The school was taught in the Church of Christ building. There were six boys and fourteen girls in the class. They were as follows: Gladys Page, Clyde Evans, Leslie Livingston, Hubert Hall, D. C. Kennamer, Jr., Clyde H. Kennamer, Bernice Thomas, Louisa Thomas, Ruby Evans, Mamie Evans, Cleo Woodall, Daisy Prince, Nannie Prince, Avis Turpin, Nell Thomas, Irma Kennamer, Clarice Kennamer, Era Kennamer, Bertice Peters, and Lexie Kennamer.

The greater part of this class were in the first high school graduating class in the spring of 1924.

Nine girls and one boy taught school after graduating. All others of this class have made good in life.

Woodville High School Built

This school was built in the year of 1923 by the people of Woodville and surrounding communities at a cost of about $16,000.00. James A. Kyle supervised the construction. There have been two additions made to the original building. The Home Economics buiding was built later. It burned Dec. 1, 1948.

Miss Mary Shipp was principal the first year.

She was followed by K. E. Boykin.

J. Clark Hodgins, Julian Butler followed Boykin.

Professor W. R. Riley was here three years. He was followed by Julian Butler in 1933-35.

The next principal was H. F. Sherrod 1936-39. The next one was Harold Phillips for nine years. He was followed by

Delbert Hicks who was elected County Supt. in 1948. M. T. Homes—1949.

The following persons taught in the high school: Kate Chandler, Mattie Lou Stockton, Martha Tate, Mary Michaels, William G. Jones, and Gertrude Hall. Some taught a number of years here.

Other teachers who have taught here are as follows: Cecil Chambers, Mrs. J. F. Hodges, Mrs. J. C. Hodgins, Nell McCrary, Cora Michaels, Esther Tate, Mrs. Hugh Cotton, Gertrude Stockton, Mayon Miles, Mrs. Emma Timberlake, Mrs. Louise Blake, Barney McPherson, Dorothy Breedlove, Mrs. H. F. Sherrod, Mrs. Mable (Hackworth) Ray, Mildred Hackworth, Mrs. Maxine Russell, Inez Nelson, Mrs. Ruth Berzette, Mrs. Elah Sublett, Mrs. Leila Stephens, Mrs. Edith Hallman, Mrs. Margaret Hodges. Charles Hallman, Dewey Bryant, M. H. Jones, Mrs. Sue Jones, J. R. Kennamer, Jr., Mrs. Beulah Kennamer, Mrs. Moline Hicks, J. P. Whorton, Mrs. Louisa Collins, Bertie Kennamer, Nell Thomas, and Audrey Bartlett, Mrs. Blaylock, Miss Elrod, Miss Miller, Miss Veda Shelley and Mrs. Dorothy Butler.

The lunch room to feed the students was begun in 1935. Mrs. Nettie Page has been the head cook from the beginning. Miss Snow Page has worked here several years

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Milton T. Holmes, son of Milton T. and Grace (Owen) Holmes, married July 9, 1949, Lillie Mae Glascock of Hartselle, Alabama. She is a graduate of Auburn. Mr. Holmes is a graduate of Clements High School, Limestone County, got a B.S. degree, Florence State Teachers College, M.A. at Peabody College, Nashville. Taught in Tuscumbia H. S., East Limestone High, is now principal of Woodville High School. He spent three years in the Navy as a commissioned officer. He has been outstanding as a leader, while in College and since taking up the teaching profession.

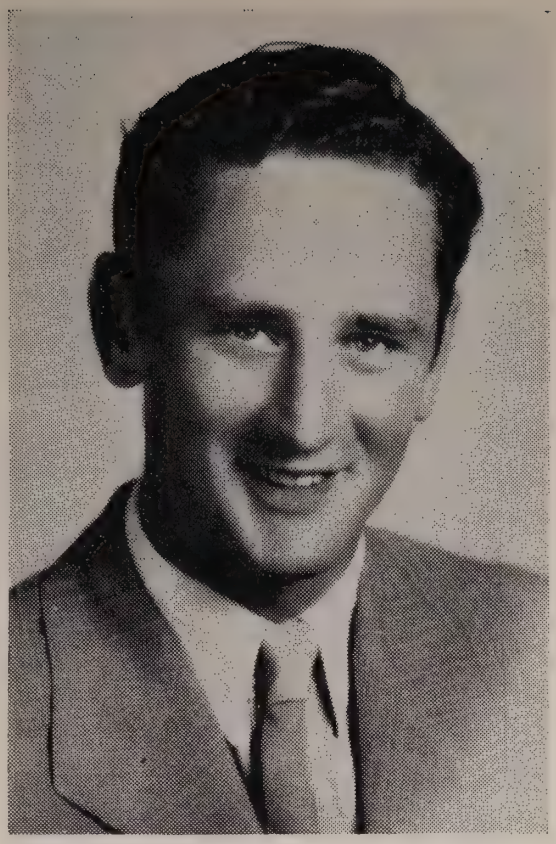
Ray Collins, son of Thomas G. and Stella (Machen) Collins, born Jan. 4, 1926, married Billie Prince. Child: Nancy Leigh Collins.

Ray's parents live at Scottsboro, Ala., and are in the mercantile business.

Education — Graduated from Jackson County, H. S. 1944; from Florence State Teachers College 1949, B.S. degree. Major Physical Education and Biological Science.

Served with the Army Engineers for two years in World War II, Overseas Service in Italy.

Now teaching in Woodville H. S. and Coach.



Singing Schools

Woodville and the communities around here have not taken as great an interest in singing since radio has become in use as before we had them.

Lacy Houk was a good singer and taught singing. He and his sister were good musicians. His sister was expert in playing the violin.

James Watson taught a singing school at Pisgah, Kennamer Cove in 1879 or 1880.

George Franklin Marona taught a singing school at Pisgah in the fall of 1889. He came to Woodville in the winter of 1890. He taught a singing school in the Methodist church house near the big elm. These were the first singing schools that I ever attended. Marona was teaching in Madison County, when Bat Whitaker was killed by a kinsman.

Mr. Marona's son of Long Island, Alabama said, "My father may have been older than 96. He was lost from his parents during the Civil War in Charleston, S. C. He came to this country in a covered wagon with a man named White after the war." G. F. Marona died April 2, 1949, at the home of his son, E. C. Marona.

E. B. Fowler taught a singing school at Pisgah, Kennamer Cove.

Levi Culver taught a school at Mount Olivet.

Frank Elsie taught two schools, one at Pisgah, the other one in Peter's Cove.

Charles W. Ambrester taught a singing school at Woodville in the summer of 1909. He taught in the school building one-half mile west of the town.

W. F. Burton taught at Rocky Ridge in 1913.

W. Porter Culpepper taught at Woodville in the Church of Christ building.

Henry Kennamer and R. B. Derrick each taught a singing school in the high school building. Mr. Derrick also taught later at the Church of Christ building.

Elder Elmer Kitchen taught at Union Primitive Baptist church. All these later schools did not create the interest in singing as did the earlier schools.

CHAPTER 15

Church Houses And Cemeteries

There was never a school house or a church house erected in Old Woodville.

It was twenty years after the town was first settled, before Union Primitive Baptist Church house was built in 1835 at Union Cemetery, which is one and one-half miles north of the town.

A Missionary Baptist church house was begun, but never finished, one-half mile east of Old Woodville about the year 1839, or 1840. It is claimed the builders did not get a clear title to the land.

There was a Primitive Baptist church house in Pisgah Cemetery as early as the year 1824.

The second house at Pisgah was built in 1840 of pine logs. The present house was built in 1878 for church and school.

For two years after the close of the Civil War, the block house built by the Yankees at the Tank Place during the

Missionary Baptist Church house built 1931. Enlarged 1946. Situated near north edge of the town.

Woodville Church of Christ

war to keep prisoners, was used by the Primitive Baptist church. Here they held great revival meetings; several members were added to their church.

They first built a log house a few yards west of the present church house at Union. They have made improvements to the house now there.

The first church house in the town of Woodville was built in 1873 by the Methodists. They built the present house in 1912.

The Church of Christ building was erected in the summer of 1913 on part of J. R. Kennamer's garden. An addition was made in 1926.

The Missionary Baptist church house was erected in 1931 in the north part of Woodville. They have since made an addition and improvement to it.

The Cumberland Presbyterians built Mount Olivet church and school house in 1887.

The community built a second house on this spot only a few years ago.

Cemeteries

The first settlers in each community buried any member of their family that died near their home, as there had not been, as yet, a cemetery located in the community. They did not erect a limestone rock mound over the grave as was done later.

When a cemetery for a community was located, for several years the graves were covered with a mound of limestone rock. Just why this custom was practiced I have never been able to learn. Though I suggest this reason. Since there were a few wolves, panthers, and bears in this country then, these rock mounds were erected to prevent these human bodies from being dug out of the grave by these predatory animals.

Pisgah Cemetery

Pisgah Cemetery in Kennamer Cove has been used as a community burial place since 1820. Rebecca, the wife of Stephen Kennamer was passing on a visit to a neighbor, sat down under a large white oak tree to rest and suggested that when she died she wanted to be buried here. She and her young daughter both soon died and were buried here. I think the young daughter died first. A double rock mound was erected over their graves.

There are other graves covered with rock mounds. A great many graves have only a rock at the head and foot

The Methodist Church house was built in 1912. The first Methodist Church house built in 1873 near the big elm tree.

Union Primitive Baptist Church house, one and one-half miles north of Woodville.

Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church in Kennamer Cove

to mark the same. People buried here later have tombstones to mark the graves.

The Kennamer Family Association erected a monument in 1936 at the grave of Hans Kennamer and wife Rachel.

The Elkins Cemetery

Down in the field below the old home of Eli Mastin Elkins are buried quite a few of the Elkins and a few other persons.

The Perkins Cemetery

There is a small cemetery near the old home of William (Bill) Perkins.

A few graves are found between the old Lee home (Now the Pleas Hodges place) and the Monroe Page home.

Willis Woodall, Sr. and a few others are buried between the Chandler Spring and Jacob L. Kennamer's home in the northern part of Kennamer Cove.

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Many of the Hodges and the Chastain families with a few others are buried here.

James and Hy Whitecotton, who were killed June 24, 1869, at the Mason's picnic are buried up the hollow in Thomas Cove. There are a few other graves here. This place is

now hard to locate as it is now covered by a growth of timber.

There are also a few graves back in the mountains near the old "Bug" Derrick Spring.

Coming nearer Woodville there are two graves on the side of the road near the home of the late Wade Page. The name on one of the rocks is "Jones" 1748-1834.

The Cemetery Near Old Woodville

West of the town near the curve in the road near the mountain is buried Stephen E. Kennamer and some of the Derricks and three children of John P. Fletcher and others.

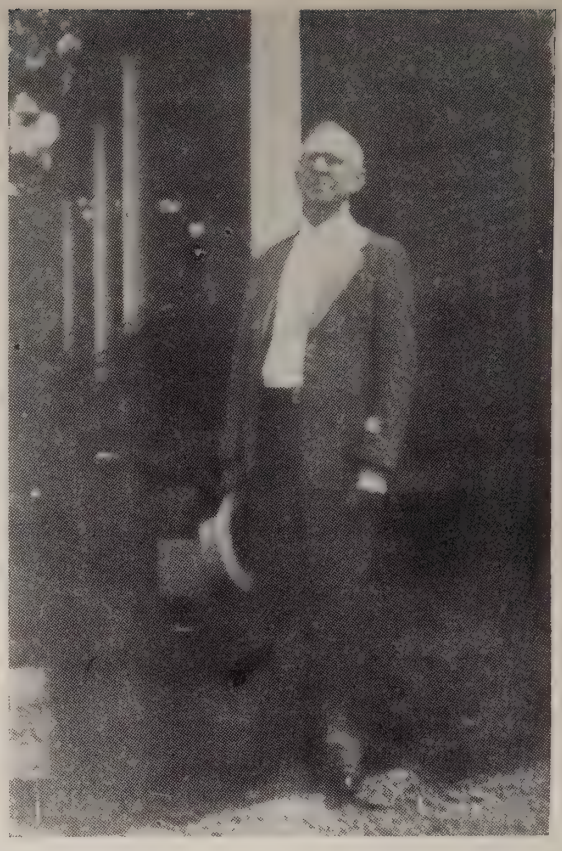
Near the south end of the lane, on the west side of the road, near Woodville's new High School building are buried Richard Thompson Hodges, wife and other of their descendants. His sister Lucy (Hodges) Hawkins, the wife of John P. Hawkins, with a few others are buried here.

On the east side of the road in the field is buried the first wife of John P. Fletcher. There is a burial place one and a quarter miles from Woodville near the late home of S. H. Kennamer. My grandfather, Pleasant Hodges and wife Elizabeth are buried here, with children of George R.

LUTHER B. JONES

He is a member of the church of Christ; has been preaching 50 years, held 300 protracted meetings, baptized 3,000 converts, preached 7,000 times, preached 500 funerals, married 200 couples, established 15 new congregations, and aided in building as many church houses.

His field of work has been in the States of Wisconsin, Texas, Tennessee and Alabama. He is still active in church work, preaching every Sunday. The church at Woodville owes much to him for his work here.



John William Payton, son of J. E. Payton, born in Cherokee County, Ala., near Center, 1879, married 1902, Burtie Jackson, granddaughter of Jimmy Jackson, who settled in Alabama among the Indians. He has been preaching for the Methodist 30 years; local pastor, two years at Flat Rock, Ala., four years at Langston, three years at Wesley Chapel, six years at Woodville, now located Owens X Roads.
Children: 1. Euel Payton, married Frank Jamesson Vondell. 2. Troy Payton, married Edith Goodman. 3. Larry Payton, married Bonnie Burkhalter. Children: Peggy, Jackel and Rana Burkhalter.

Hodges, W. H. Woodall, and a few others. All the head rocks and pailing fences have been torn away.

There are a few Indians buried up on a flat above the John Reed home in Cotton Cove.

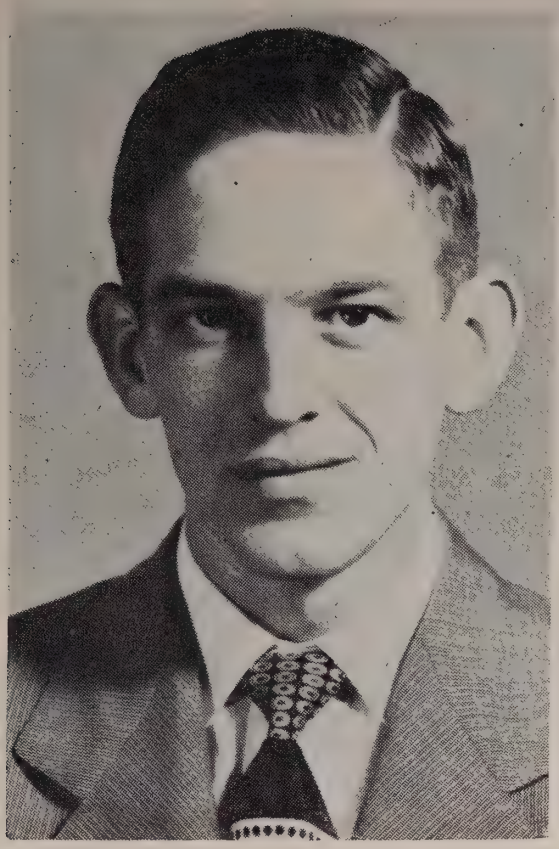
Union Cemetery

Union Cemetery is the largest, best kept and most desired place for burial in this part of the county. On July 16, 1834, Moses Maples and wife Catherine made a deed to the deacons of Bethel Church to a plot of land as a burial place. The first person buried in Union Cemetery was Sallie Mapples, a young daughter of Joe Maples. This grave is between her father's grave and Harvey Thomas's grave. All have rock mounds on them. Union Primitive Baptist Church was organized here in 1835, in a log house that stood nearby. This cemetery was enlarged by an addition on the west; and still later a second addition on the west was made.

For the last few years, people buy individual burial plots from Mrs. Edna Livingston, on the south side of the road. Since October 1, 1941, Union Cemetery has had a caretaker. Two members from each church in the town, known as "Union Cemetery Memorial Committee" collect funds and employ a caretaker and supervise the work.

S. E. Kennamer, treasurer· J. F. Hodges, secretary; W. J. Kennamer, president.

Committee: Earnest Thomas, Dave Cobb, Homer Hodges, George Butler, R. L. Jones, Mrs. Frank Hodges·



Eugene Thomas, born, Jan. 3, 1929. Graduated from Jackson County high school in 1946, and is now attending Florence State Teachers College. Joined Union Primitive Baptist Church at the age of 11, and ordained as a minister Dec. 5, 1948.

He is son of Joseph Earl Thomas and Minnie Crabtree, grandson of S. W. Thomas and Mary C. Maples.

His father Joe, was born Aug. 8, 1897, carried the mail, taught school, and for 22 years has been employed by the Scottsboro Wholesale Co.; is a Primitive Baptist and a Democrat. Minnie Crabtree was born Feb. 19, 1899, in Jonesboro, Ark. Children: 1. Lucy Kathryn, born June 19, 1920; Sec. to Brown, Scott, Dawson, and Stockton, Attorneys. 2. Buron, born Sept. 1, 1922, married Hilda Page, July 4, 1947. 3. Elsie Marie, born Dec. 17, 1924; died Oct. 16, 1927. 4. Walter Marcus, born Sept. 22, 1927; died Mar. 28, 1929. 5. Helen Joann Thomas, born May 23, 1931. Their home is in Scottsboro.

Brother John W. Medders and his good wife moved from Piedmont, Ala. on Friday, April 30, 1948, to Woodville, Ala., where he began regular work with the Church of Christ on Sunday, May 2, 1948. He worked with the Church in Woodville for one year. Brother and sister Medders enjoyed their work as Christians in Woodville and their stay there was very pleasant. There are many fine people in Woodville who became true friends to the Medders family. On Sunday morning, July 25, 1948 Brother and Sister Medders' little son, John Wesley, Jr., was born. On May 26, 1949 Brother Medders and family moved to Attalla, Ala., where he had begun regular work with the Church of Christ.

While living in Woodville, Brother Medders delivered the last commencement sermon in the High School building that burned December 1, 1948.

CHAPTER 16

Ku Klux Klan

This secret organization was organized in 1866, just after the close of the Civil War. It spread to Woodville in the early part of 1869. This order, disguised in white robes and hoods, rode at night. They spread terror to the negro and to any white man who might call forth a visit by them. Bad men joined the Klan and became such a terror in the community that the Legislature passed a law, no one who killed a Ku Klux, while on a raid, could be prosecuted for it.

The writer has been told of three men who were killed in these raids; one in Woodville, and two in Marshall County near here. It was said that "one died of a congestive chill." Another "died one night by sneezing, after putting up a hundred panels of fence the day before, but he was killed in a Ku-Klux-Klan raid." The third, it was said "died suddenly of pneumonia." The facts are he was killed in a Ku-Klux-Klan raid. Conditions got so bad here, the Post Office was discontinued February 14, 1870. John Wright was postmaster at that time. People got their mail at Paint Rock.

On June 1, 1870 the office was re-established. William P. Guynn was appointed postmaster. About this time a few bad men got killed, others moved away, and the town and communities gradually became the most peaceable and law abiding place in the County. It has held that good name down to the present.

The Grange or Patrons of Husbandry

The Civil War left the people in poverty, with very little equipment to make a living. The Confederate money was worthless. Legal tender, or government money, was very scarce and hard to get.

The struggle to get the barest necessities to live was indeed hard. This condition would naturally create discontent and unrest among the people, especially the farming class which constituted a vast majority.

The first organized effort to better the farmer's lot in life was the Grange or Patrons of Husbandry which was organized in Woodville February 21, 1874, with forty members. John P. Nance was the organizer. The following were the officers: Thomas B. Maples, Master; Silas P. Woodall, Sr., Overseer; Ira Goff Wood, Lecturer; Henry McCarty, Stewart; J. M. Peters, Assisstant Stewart; W. E. Burge, Chap-

lin; C. J. Lewis, Treasurer; Dr. L. Derrick, Secretary; Charles Stephens, S. K.; Mrs. E. E. Bradley, Ceres; Mrs. T. F. Whitworth, Pomona; Mrs. Maggie Parks, and Miss S. A. Stephens, Lady Assistants. This lodge lasted three or four years.

The Masonic Lodge

The Paint Rock Lodge No. 274 was organized at Paint Rock before the Civil War. The following is a list of the Charter members. L. G. Mead, F. A. Province, P. L. Harrison, J. G. Blackwell, S. J. Jones, R. W. Lilly, and J. Fowler.

Mrs. Helen (Jones) Fletcher said, "My father, Rufus H. Jones, joined the Masons before the war."

After the Civil War this lodge was moved to Woodville. Many citizens around here joined it. The meetings were held in a hall over the W. P. Guynn store, which stood on the south-east corner of W. H. Woodall's yard. Some of those who joined the Masons were: W. J. Fletcher, David A. Thomas, Joseph Thomas, John Kennamer, Mike Price, Joe B. Parkhill, Dr. L. Derrick, Robert S. Kennamer, Henry C. Dillard, Francis E. (Frank) Cotton, Stephen E. Kennamer, J. P. Ledbetter, David R. Woodall, William Perkins, M. E. Kerr, R. M. Edwin, Enoch F. Maples, Silas W. E. Kennamer, Zack T. Kennamer and W. P. Guynn.

W. J. Fletcher was excluded from the Primitive Baptist Church for joining the Masons, a Secret Organization, but soon quit the Masons and came back to the church.

William Isom, Rollings Whitaker, and Captain James Fletcher were Masons. Whether they joined this Paint Rock Lodge No. 274, before the war or after, at Woodville, I do not know. This Lodge lost its Charter November 1878. It was this Lodge that had the picnic at the Bud Kennamer Big Spring near the river between Paint Rock and Woodville, June 24, 1869 that James and Hy White-Cotton were killed in a fight with Pleas Woodall and son, David Woodall.

Woodmen of the World

The Woodmen of the World Lodge was organized with twenty charter members in the old Hotel building late in 1899. Hulon Page was the leader in organizing this lodge.

After a short time they moved their place of meeting to the upstairs in the old W. P. Guynn store building which stood in the south-east corner of the W. H. Woodall yard. Later they built a store house with a hall over it to meet

Left to right: Mrs. B. F. Porter, Sr., Mrs. Chalotte Roberts, Mrs. S. Neil Parks, son, Robert Neil Parks.

Benjamin Franklin Porter sixth son of Charles Madison Porter of Appomadox, Va. and Eliza Caulfield of Old Bolivar, Jackson County, was born at Stevenson, Ala., May 8, 1884; married Nov. 14, 1909, Kathyrin Cordelia Roberts of Woodville.

Mr. Porter's education: Graduated from Terrell College, Decherd, Tenn., 1903; holds Phg G. from Max Morris School of Pharmacy, Macon, Ga., 1905. Entered service of Globe Drug Store, Tuscumbia, Jan. 1, 1907; entered drug business at Paint Rock, Ala. Jan 1, 1908, as Alston and Porter, later moved to Madison where he stayed until 1916. He practiced Pharmacy in Tenn., Ga., Ariz., and at present is back with The Globe Drug Store, Tuscumbia, Alabama. He is a Mason.

Children: 1. George Madison Porter, married Martha T. Armstrong of Athens. He served in the Air Force in the Pacific Area. 2. Samuel Ovid Porter, married Margaret Nunn of Miami, Fla. (a) Mark David Porter. (b) Kathyrin Gale Porter. Served in Coast Artillery, U.S.A. 3. Charlotte Elizabeth Porter, married S. Neil Parks —Two sons, Robert Neil, and Wm. Edward Parks, Charlotte Ann Parks. Mr. Parks served in Sea Bee's. 4. Benjamin F. Porter, Jr. married Jean Stone, one son, B. F. Porter, III. Ben served in Infantry, was in the Battle of the Bulge, made a prisoner in Germany, liberated by the English Army. He is now employed by the T. V. A.

in. This building after the Woodmen ceased to meet, was used by Dr. Zimmerman as an office. Later Dr. J. W. Boggess made a dwelling out of it. Many Woodmen dropped their insurance policies when the Order was reorganized. Officers were: Consul Commander: Hulon Page, James R. Gayle, and William E. Gayle. Clerks: P. Coly Page, John M. Melton, S. E. Kennamer, James A. Kennamer, and Robert L. Jones.

Odd Fellows

About the beginning of the twentieth century, an I.O.O.F. Lodge was organized in Woodville, but did not remain except for a few years. It met in the same hall in the old Hotel, the W.O.W. Lodge first used. This Lodge flourished a short time, having thirty members or more and then disbanded. James R. Gayle was also a leader in this Lodge.

ROLL CALL OF THE DEAD

A necrology of those who gave the last full measure to the "Lost Cause" or to the preservation of the Union, or "to make the world safe for democracy" in World War I, or World War II.

The very flower of our young men were wined and dined and rushed off to die on a hundred battle fields.

Most vividly do we remember in 1917, seeing the first thirteen young men from this county march to war. Nine of them never came back.

The following is a list of those who were killed or died in the war Between the States:

1. John Evans, son of Samuel Evans, died at Fort Morgan, buried at Woodville.

2. Henry Wilson, brother of Rufus H. Jones' wife died at Fort Morgan, buried at Woodville.

3. Harvey Thomas, Jr., son of Harvey Thomas and half-brother of W. J. Fletcher was killed.

4. Nute Hodges, son of Willis Hodges, Sr., died in prison in Ohio.

5. Dock Hodges, son of Willis Hodges, Sr., died of measles.

6. Richard Bevel, killed, son of Toph Bevel.

7. Dock Bevel, son of Toph Bevel.

8. James Adams, first husband of Mary Maples, daughter of Moses Maples, was killed in action.

9. Dr. Solomon Stevens, killed at Vicksburg.

10. Rufus Henry Derrick, killed in 1864, put in Paint Rock River.

11. George Branner Derrick, died in prison at Nashville.

12. Theopolis (or Bud) Woodall, son of Bede Woodall, killed in Virginia.

13. Samuel Thompson Kennamer, son of Abram B. Kennamer, killed in the first battle of the war in Virginia.

14. Wilburn Wright killed same time and place.

15. James H. (Dove) Stephens, member of Frank Cotton's Company captured in Paint Rock Valley the same time J. B. Parkhill and W. J. Fletcher and others were captured, died in prison Camp Chase, Ohio.

16. William Morris met the same fate as James H. (Dove) Stephens.

17. West Hazelwood was another one.

18. Dan Butler, son of Samuel Butler, Sr.

19. Richard Kirby was killed in battle near Woodville, 1864.

20. Captain Sidney Bibb lost his life.

21. Captain George Butler, son of Samuel, Sr., killed on Sand Mountain, on his way home at the close of the war.

22. John Dillard, son of Dr. Francis Lee Dillard was killed in Will's Valley. He built the first store near the railroad in Woodville.

23. Pete Whitecotton was killed in Marshall County.

24. Lieut. Millard, second in command under Major M. E. Johnson, was killed in Kennamer's Cove December 18, 1864.

25. James Sutton, died of measles in Nashville.

26. Presley Kennamer, son of Levi Kennamer, died at same place.

27. Moses Maples, son of Josiah Maples, killed in battle.

28. Elihu Phillips, eldest son of Ellison Phillips and Lucinda Butler, died of measles in Virginia.

29. Captain Cranford was captured at Barclay's Mill, with one other soldier. Both were killed near Butler's Mill. The Confederate scouts lost one 17 year old boy in this fight, name not known.

30. Captain Abb Smelser was killed in Kennamer's Cove near Tom Kennamer's home. Captain Cranford and Smelser were Union Scouts.

31. Bradford Houk killed by Spark's Scouts.

32. Bill Peters was killed by Yankee Scouts near the end of the war.

WORLD WAR I

1. Roy E. Campbell was one of the first thirteen to be drafted to go to Europe. He died at Bordeaux, France, October 6, 1918.
2. Bob Simmons was in the Navy and died at Norfolk, Va.

WORLD WAR II

1. Melvin J. Kennamer killed in Europe.
2. Cecil R. Butler killed near the Rhine River.
3. Brooks Evans killed in Europe.
4. Jim Ed Butler—lost—Airplane pilot.
5. James Johnson died in Luxumburg.
6. Edward Wallace drowned in New Hampshire.

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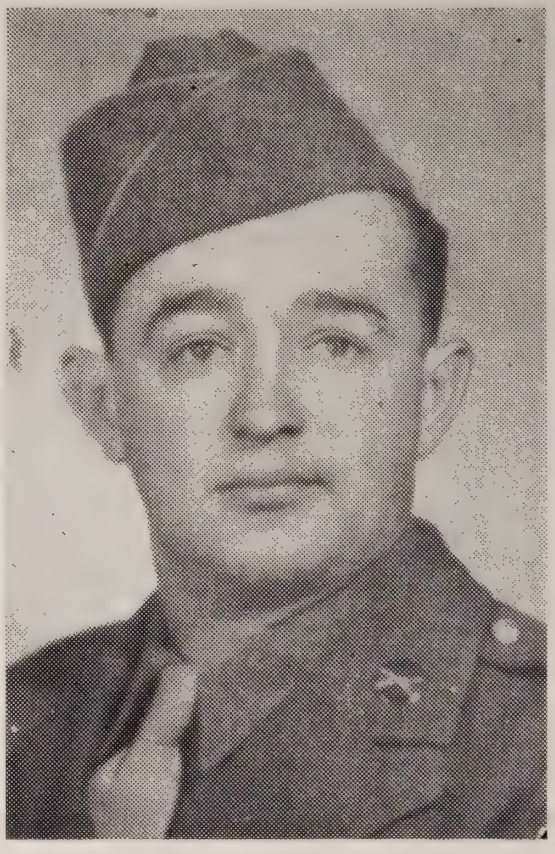
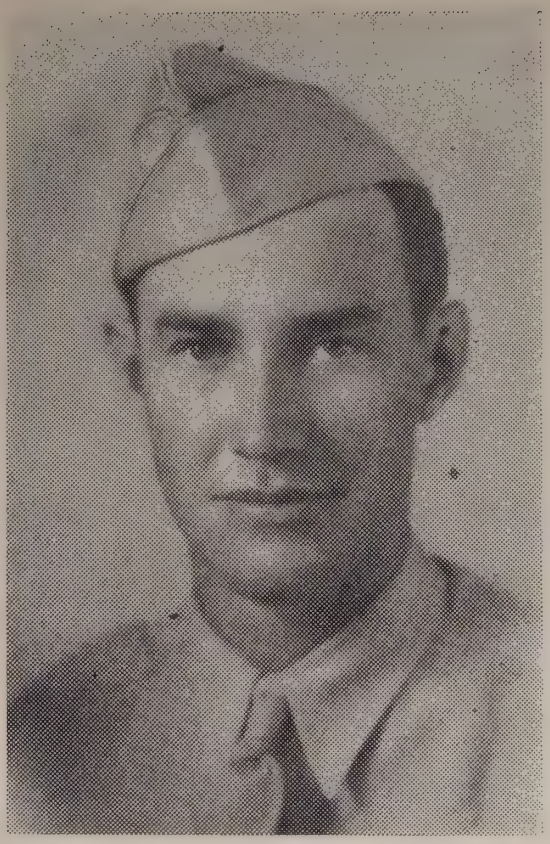
(1) Lawrence Edward Wallace—Private, son of Oliver B. Wallace, entered the service Dec. 13, 1942; lost his life while in bathing at Milton, New Hampshire July 24, 1943. He was in Battery B. 24, Coast Artillery at Rocky Point Plymouth, Mass.



(2) Cecil Roy Butler, son of J. E. Butler, was killed in action in Germany March 28, 1945. He swam the Oder River with General Patton. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Pauline Stroud Butler. He was a teacher.

(4) Melvin J. Kennamer, son of G. Denton Kennamer, was killed in action fighting in Germany February 25, 1945. He entered the service July, 1943, age 21.



(3) Lawrence Brooks Evans, son of Walter G. Evans, was rear gunner on an Army bomber which was shot down over Belgium Dec. 30, 1943. He entered the service April 1942.

The Barclay Family

The Barclay family is one of the pioneer families, having come here at an early date. They are economical in habits, honest in business and shrewd traders.

They came to America from Ireland. The first record that we have of them Joseph Barclay was living in Madison County, Miss. Territory in 1815, now Alabama. His wife was a Ledbetter. Joseph and wife came to Jackson County, settled at Aspel on land now owned by Ex-Sheriff Mack Thomas. Here they lived until death and are buried in the old Aspel Cemetery up near the foot of Gunter's mountain. Children: (1) Joel Barclay m. 1839 Deletha Elkins, daughter of Eli Elkins. They lived a neighbor of my father's family until their death, and were buried in the Elkins Cemetery. They reared two sons, George, and Joseph Barclay. George married a Peele on Gunter's Mountain. They emegrated to Texas in the 1880ties. Joseph lived on Gunter's Mountain,

ran a mill through out life. (2) Archie Barclay went west, no record. (3) Henry Barclay went to Texas and was one of the pioneer settlers of Woodville, Texas. (4) William (or Uncle Billie) Barclay m. first Mary (Polly) Maples ,daughter of Edward Maples. His second wife was Mary (Polly) Elkins, a sister of Joel's wife. To this last union no children were born. Children by first marriage: (a) Mary Jane Barclay m. Pleasant Hodges, Sr. They reared a large family. (b-c) Lydia and Nancy Barclay, twins. Nancy died age about 20. Lydia m. Stephen Dea Kennamer. (d) William James Barclay m. Mary F. Woodall, eldest daughter of George Step Woodall, whose wife was Frances Hodges, sister of the writer's mother. (e) Joseph Edward Barclay m. Sarah Ann Hodges, daughter of Robert J. Hodges and second wife Mary Maples, daughter of Josiah Maples. Children: Markus, Farris, Walter and Bennett J. Barclay; one daughter, Lou married Benjamin F. Evans. (f) Martha Barclay m. first James Pugh. They went West but Martha returned to Alabama. She later m. Jay Guffey. They had no children. (g) George Barclay m. a Harper. They emigrated to Texas. After the death of his wife he married an Indian.

Martha (Pugh-Guffey) Barclay said, "The Barclay's came from Ky., and settled in the Tenn. Valley not far

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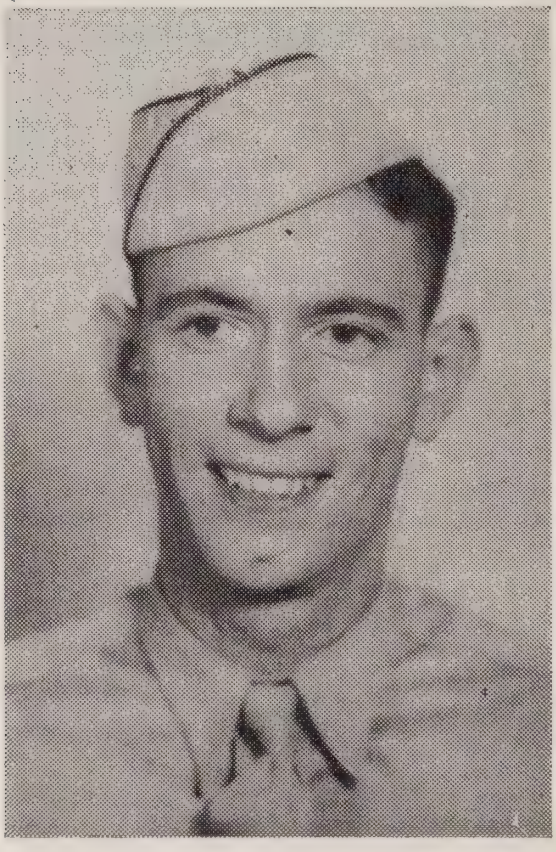


(5) James W. Johnson, son of Pat K. Johnson. He entered the service November 13, 1943, trained at Camp Swift, Texas, in the Medical Department. He died in Vitry Sur Seins, France, August 7, 1945 of brain tumor. His widow was Miss Lillian Kennamer before marriage.

from Scottsboro. Her father, Uncle Billie, sold out to go west, but hearing the Civil War was about to begin declined to go.

He lived two years at the Oscar Thomas place one mile west of Woodville. He then moved to the Dea Wright place east of Woodville. While living here he lost his wife and one child died of flux.

They were buried in a hollow in the western part of Thomas Cove. This burial place is now covered by timber, and has been neglected so long, it is very hard to locate.

Others buried here are Jim and Hy Whitecotton, M. B. (Gum) Thomas' mother, also the first wife of James M. Thomas—Susan Elizabeth Derrick.

William Barclay bought the farm where Fred Hodges lives, built the grist mill, so well known for years as "Barclay's Mill." He died age 90, and was buried near his home. (5). Joseph Pickens Barclay m. Martha A. Wood, daughter of Thomas J. Wood, of Scottsboro and Wood's Cove.

Hugh G. Barclay was a cousin of Joseph Sr.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

THE W. J. BARCLAY FAMILY

William James Barclay m. Mary Woodall. Mr. Barclay was a farmer, lived southwest of Woodville a mile as the crow flies. They reared four sons and four daughters. Children: (1) David E. Barclay m. Lillie Chandler, daughter of Matt Chandler. (2) Henry Barclay m. Mattie Lee Shelley. They had no children and both died at Scottsboro. (3) Mollie Barclay m. John F. Chandler. They lived near the railroad west of Woodville. They reared two sons and five daughters. They both died at Scottsboro. Children: Marion, Robert, Elenor, Cate Lucile Ula and Mary Sus Chandler. (4) Nellie F. Barclay m. Walter J. Kennamer. Walter has made good as a merchant traveling salesman, gin operator. Their home is in Woodville. Children. (a) Ruby Clarice Kennamer m. Jerry Maples. They reside at Clovis, New Mexico. (b) Helen Marie Kennamer m. Jim Ed Mitchell. They have two boys and reside at Bessemer.
(c) Edith Ione Kennamer m. Hoyt Bramblett. They live at Scottsboro. (d) Virginia Martha Kennamer m. Robert Word. They live at Scottsboro. Robert has been in the picture show business for years. (e) Mary Frances Kennamer m. Ed Miles. (f) Walter Frederick Kennamer died at age of 14. (g) Bennie

Bennett J. Barclay, born in Marshall County, Alabama, July 21, 1888. He is a son of J. E. Barclay and Sarah Ann Hodges. He farmed in young manhood days, taught three terms, entered the railway mail service in January, 1913, transferred to the Chattanooga and Memphis February 1, 1919 where he is now serving. He married Dec. 31, 1916, Wilda Canon of Birmingham. They have three children: all are married and have one child each.

Charles Clifford Kennamer, son of Orville L. and Ruperta (Thomas) Kennamer was born May 10, 1919. Graduated Woodville High School, 1936; received two year diploma from Florence State Teachers College 1938; got his B.S. degree 1946, attended four months each at University Penn., and Cornell; will get his M. A. degree Geo. Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. 1950.

Served in the U. S. Navy from July 23, 1942 to Sept. 30, 1945; had 32 months combat duty aboard the battleship U.S.S Arkansas, was discharged a Midshipman; had visited 43 states and 21 foreign shores. Has taught school for nine years and is now principal of Arab City School. Married March 2, 1944, Ruth Lee Fawlker of Waterloo, Ala. Have one son, Charles Richard Kennamer, born July 23, 1945.

W. Kennamer was in Navy World War II; got his education at Auburn, Alabama. (5) John Barclay m. first Maggie Maples: Children (a) Clayton, (b) Gertrude. John married second Julia Peters. (6) Vida Barclay m. Will J. Wann. (7) Lester F. Barclay. (8) Carrie Barclay—single.

The Bishop Family

William Bishop m. Polly (or Mary) Wilder in East Tennessee. 1824. She was the eldest daughter of Sampson Wilder who emigrated from Whitney County, Kentucky to a place four miles east of Woodville, Alabama about 1833. We have it by tradition that widow Bishop with four children, one boy and three girls, came here with Sampson Wilder. What became of William Bishop is not definitely known. One tradition is he died before the family came to Alabama. The other tradition as related by the late Frank B. Kennamer is that William Bishop went with a drove of hogs to south Alabama and was never heard of afterwards. It is thought he was killed and robbed. Children; (1) Sampson Bishop (1830-1905) born in Tennessee. He married three times. First Mary Kennamer, my father's sister, (1826-1865). To this union seven children were born: John Franklin, William Jacob,

Jerry Wade Maples, son of Ed and Minnie Tipton Maples, born Sept. 15, 1904, married Aug. 12, 1927, Ruby Clarice Kennamer, eldest daughter of Walter J. and Nellie F. Barclay Kennamer, born Nov. 2, 1906. Jerry went to school at Woodville and Scottsboro High School.

Resigned the managership of Ritz Theater, Bridgeport, Ala., to seek better health in New Mexico. He is now a clerk for the A. T. & S. F. Railroad at Clovis, N. M. Clarice, graduated from Woodville High school (first class) 1924, attended Howard College, Birmingham, State Teachers College, Florence, taught school in Jackson Co. Ala. before moving to New Mexico, Dec. 1944. She has completed work for B. A. degree at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, N. M. 1949; teaches in Clovis, N. M.

Children: 1. Edith Ann Maples, born Oct. 19, 1931. Graduated from Clovis High School 1949; now attending Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga. 2. Linda Marie Maples, born Feb. 3, 1935.

Mary Kezziah, and Harriet R. Bishop lived to be grown and married. Sampson Bishop m. 1871 Harriet Kennamer (1822-1871) sister of Mary his first wife. He m. a third time, 1874, Nancy Jane Gross. (2) Nancy C. Bishop born in Kentucky 1832 m. Willis Kennamer. (1830-1864) son of Zacheus Kennaemr, son of Hans Kennamer. Willis was killed in the Confederate Army near Richmond, Virginia. Four boys were born to them and lived to be grown. All died unmarried.

Their names were: Stephen, Sampson, Hardy, and George Kennamer.

(3) Rosa Bishop m. George Gipson. We have no record of their children except Mary Isbell Gipson. She became the first wife of William Franklin Hodges. She and her babe died at child-birth.

(4) Elizabeth Bishop m. James W. Bulman. From this union the large Bulman family has descended.

The widow of William Bishop became the second wife of Wiley B. Parkhill in 1844. To this union two children were born: (a) Joab B. Parkhill, (b) Martha Parkhill, who married Fletcher Maples.

John Franklin Bishop (1848-1914) son of Sampson Bishop, m. (1868) Clara A. Kennamer (1846-1911) second daughter of David Kennamer and Elizabeth Chandler.

William Jacob Bishop (1853-1922) m. 1875, Deliza Ann Rebecca Jones. Mary Kezziah Bishop became the second wife of Zack T. Kennamer in 1879.

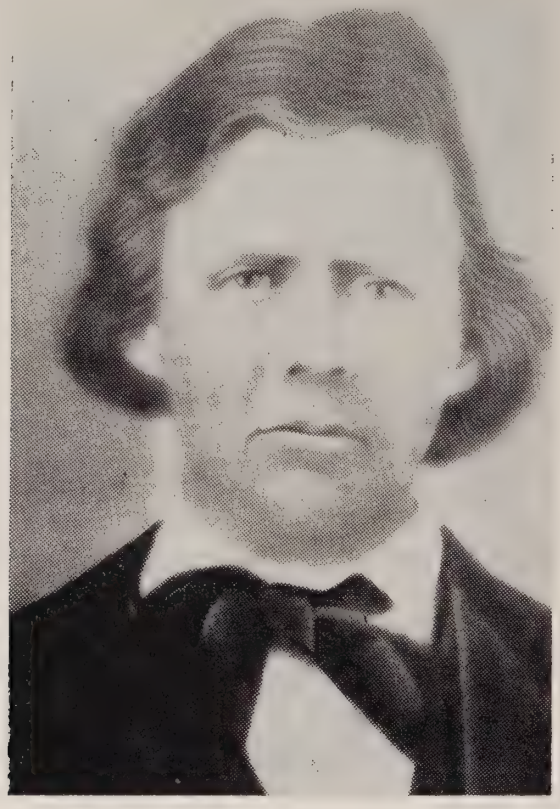
Harriet R. Bishop (1856-1923) m. 1876, James Monroe Page. The history of these families can be seen in the Kennamer Family History.

CHAPTER 18

Hudson And John Butler Families

Hudson Butler (1829-1878) was a son of Samuel Butler, Sr. and Margaret Lemons. He m. 1866 Lucy Virginia Hodges (1838-1926) the youngest daughter of Richard Thompson Hodges and wife Martha Saddler.

Hudson served four years in the Confederate Army in Virginia, and was wounded in battle. A mine-ball passed through his heel. He cared for his aged mother until her



HUDSON BUTLER

death. They lived near Little Paint Rock Bridge two miles south of Woodville. To this union were born four sons and one daughter. All are married and living (Jan. 1950): (1) Green Butler now 82, m. first Mary E. Parkhill, daughter of Joab B. Parkhill and wife Fannie Hodges. Children (a) Julia Mae Butler m. Samuel Elbert Kennamer. (b) Wiley Hudson Butler m. Virginia Childress. (c) Nellie Frances Butler m. John Earl Butler.

(2) Wiley (Buck) Butler m. first Laura E. Elkins. After Laura's death Mr. Butler married Etta Crabtree; after Etta's death he married Mrs. Minerva Goforth. Children by first

Green Butler, eldest son of Hudson and Lucy V. Hodges Butler, born March 28, 1867, married first April 14, 1886, Mary E. Parkhill born Oct. 9, 1866. Children: 1. Julia Mae, 2. Wiley Hudson, and 3. Nellie F. Butler. Mary died June 1, 1909. Married 2nd Nov. 6, 1909, Delilah M. Kennamer, born July 5, 1877; died. Mr. Butler was a farmer all his life. He became a member of Union Primitive Baptist Church in October 1896, and a deacon for 45 years.

Wiley (Buck) Butler, second son of Hudson and Lucy V. (Hodges) Butler, born Sept. 27, 1869, married first Dec. 4, 1889, Laura E. Elkins (1872-1914); married second Dec. 1, 1915, Etta Crabtree. After her death, he married 3rd time Minerva, (Allison) Goforth, Nov. 26, 1935. He has been a farmer all his life, raises fine hogs, has been a Primitive Baptist since 1910. All his wives were Primitive Baptists. He resides two miles south of Woodville on part of the old homestead of his grandfather, Samuel Butler, Sr. All his children are by his first wife.

wife: (a) Nora Mae Butler m. G. Dent Kennamer, (b) Beulah Bertha Butler m. R. A. Kennamer, (c) Lilly Pearl Butler m. Elmer R. Page, (d) George Hubert Butler m. first Bertha Stella Elkins. After Bertha's death, Mr. Butler married Mrs. Oma Skelton, (e) William Corbett Butler m. Sarah Hulsey.

(3) Laura Butler m. W. J. Wilson. They resided in Scottsboro, where Laura died February 27, 1950.

(4) Albert Butler married first Martha J. Parkhill sister of Mary, Green's first wife. Children: (a) Herbert Lee Butler m. Lillie Mae Kennamer. Herbert served as County Commissioner two terms. (b) Myrtle Frances Butler m. Verbon O. Page, (a) Hobert Butler m. Margie Cleo Kennamer, (d) Milton Butler m. Zelma Page, (e) Olive Butler m. Orven Ray Kennamer, (f) Clyde Butler m. Ruby Thomas. Albert m. 2nd Gertha E. Kennamer. Children: Clara Mae, Glenford, and Reba Butler.

(5) Bob Butler m. Lettie Irene Kennamer, daughter of N. L. Kennamer and wife Millard D. Jones. Childern: (a) Thelma Lee Butler m. Dewey Lavoy Kennamer., (b) Mary

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W. H Butler was born July 7th, 1889, attended country schools, Green Academy and Teachers Summer Normal.

Began teaching in 1907. Lived on farm and taught school for five years. Entered mercantile business in Woodville in 1912. Sold out his interest in this business and began working for Scottsboro Wholesale Co. at Scottsboro in 1924. Resigned in fall of 1938 and entered the Wholesale business in Scottsboro, Ala., in December of 1938 in partnership with Lawton Kennamer under the firm name of Butler & Kennamer. Still operates this business. Married Virginia Childress on Sept. 1909 to which union were born three children. Nina Mary who married Wayne Hall, Kenneth Hudson who married Lucy Gold and Berta Ruth who married Myron Gardner.

Joined Union Primitive Baptist church at Woodville in Sept. 1912 and was ordained a deacon the 1st Sunday in December 1945. Virginia died July 5th, 1947.

Jewel Butler, single, (c) Ada Gladys Butler m. Sam Key, (d) Mildred V. Butler m. Marvin Kline.

All of Bob's family live in Scottsboro.

Hudson and John Butler

Denton Kennamer was born Feb. 17, 1887, married Sept. 17, 1911 Nora Butler, born June 29, 1891. They live in the Northwest part of Kennamer Cove near the Old Perkins home. Both are members of the Church of Christ. Dent is a Republican. Children: 1. Fern Kennamer, born Oct. 27, 1912, married June 8, 1940, Marion Hulsey, born Sept. 11, 1909, died August 15, 1946. Child: Alice Faye, born Sept. 15, 1941. 2. Talmage Kennamer, born Dec. 16, 1913, married Oct. 23, 1937, Annie Mae Reed, born April 10, 1916. Children: Talma Ann, born Jan. 26, 1939. Eva Marie born August 5, 1943. Jimmie Terrell, born March 16, 1946. 3. Taber Kennamer, born Sept. 14, 1915, married Jan. 10, 1948, Pauline Frank, born July 31, 1924. Child Joyce Ann. 4. Flavil Kennamer, born Nov. 12, 1917, married Nov. 12, 1947, Arline —— Child Dwight. 5. Leon, married June 4, 1946, Grace McBride. Child: Karen, born July 25, 1949. (6) Everet Clayton, born March 6, 1923, died Sept. 14, 1923. 6. and 7. Twins: Melvin and Elvin, born July 18, 1924. Melvin was killed in War. Feb. 25, 1945. Elvin married March 28, 1948, Marie Henson, born April 10, 1928.
8. Denton M., born July 12, 1927. 9. Bonnie, born June 14, 1931, married July 16, 1949, Bobby Franks, born July 29, 1928.
The six youngest sons served in the late war.

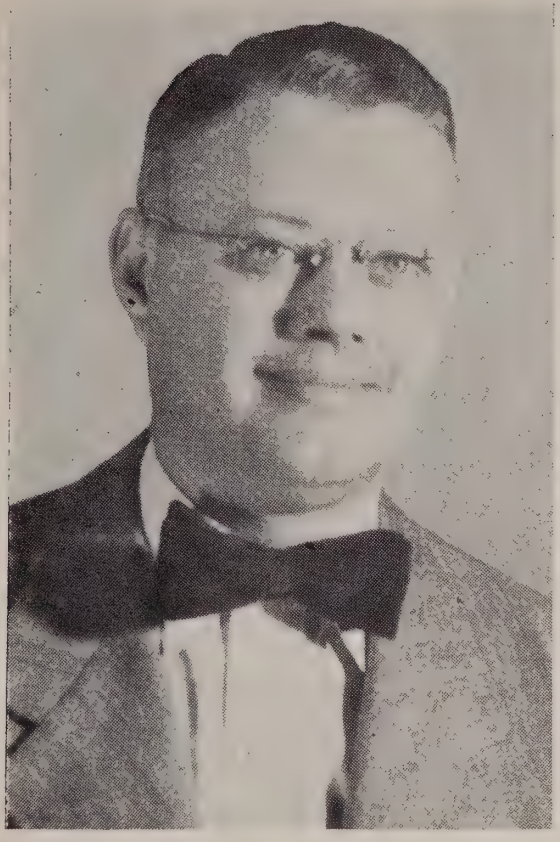
Sons of Denton and Nora (Butler) Kennamer. Reading from right to left back: Sgt. Leon, Talmage, Pvt. Tabor, Flavil, and from right to left Melvin, Elwin and Denton.

John Butler was a son of Samuel Butler, Sr., and Margaret (Lemons) Butler. He was a Primitive Baptist preacher married first Sarah Maples. She was a sister of Nancy, the wife of Canada Butler, and Mary, the wife of Uncle Billie Barclay. John's second wife was Martha Chandler. His death was caused by his team of horses running away, breaking his leg. After weeks of suffering, he died August, 1883. Children (1) Frank Butler lost his life by going down in a well where there was gas-or damp. He marreid Susan Fletcher, daughter of John P. Fletcher. (2) Daniel E. Butler m. Fannie Wann. They lived at the home place about a mile and a quarter southwest of Woodville. Children: (a) Esther Butler m. Ulysses H. Kennamer, (b) George S. Butler married Annie Ellen Butler. George has been in the mercantile business

for years and has extensive farming interests in Madison County. (c) Ethel Butler m. Author C. Hodges, (d) John Earl Butler m. Nellie F. Butler, daughter of Green Butler. (e) Leonard Butler m. first Annie Dee Reed, second Ethel Martin. (3) Nancy Butler m. Tom Page. She was his second wife. (4) Margaret Butler m. Hal Bonner. They lived at Huntsville. They had one son named Frank. Frank Bonner married a King in Huntsville. They reside in Michigan.

(5) Polly Butler m. Joseph S. Turpin. Polly has been dead for several years, Joseph died February 18, 1950, age 85. (a) Essie C. Turpin m. Bentley Asap Hill, (b) Bessie Turpin m. Monroe D. Thomas, (c) Avis Turpin, single. (6) Bell Butler never married. (7) Johnny Butler m. John C. Proctor. They reared two sons, Millard and Elmer Proctor.

(8) Lucy Ann Butler, daughter by second wife, married Oscar Thomas. Both died in 1935. Children: (a) Johnny Robert Thomas (1897-1947) married Esther Cooper. (b) Vera Pearl Thomas m. Walter Crabtree. (c) Elvie Olivia Thomas m. Dave M. Cobb. (d) Nellie V. Thomas, unmarried. (e) Glaston Butler Thomas m. Mildred N. Page.



Kenneth Butler, son of W. H. and Virginia Childress Butler, born July 15, 1913, Woodville, Alabama. December 15, 1924 moved to Scottsboro, Alabama. 1931 graduated from Jackson County High School, 1932 attended fall term of school at Auburn, 1933 began traveling on the road for Corn Products Sales Co. of Memphis, Tenn. 1935 married Lucy Gold of Scottsboro, Alabama, both are members of Church of Christ.

1938 began work with Butler & Kennamer Wholesale Co. Scottsboro, Alabama. May 1943 entered United States Army and served twenty-nine months. He is working with same company.

CHAPTER 19

DODD, FARR, GRAMMER AND ELKINS FAMILY

The Farr Family

David Farr owned land now part of the city of Atlanta, Ga., sold it and emigrated to Alabama, 1865, or 66.

He lived first at the place known as the Lee place, or Pleas Hodges home in Marshall County.

Farr with his family moved to the Dr. L. Derrick place where he lived several years. This place is just across yellow Creek from the S. H. Kennamer home.

Coley Page built a house near the Farr home. Farr then moved to Gunter's Mountain near Swearengin where he resided until death. Children: (1) Robert B. Farr m. first Maggie Stephens; second Martha E. Chambless, (2) James Farr m. Sallie Stephens, sister of of Robert's first wife; also sister of Mrs. Bettie (Stephens) (Evans) Deerman, living, age 93. (3) Tom Farr went west. (4) Jane Farr m. Sol. Helms. (5) Emiline Farr unmarried. (6) Mollie Farr m. Charley Matthis.

Robert Farr lived in the Chambless Hollow east of Woodville.

James Farr bought the Houk place in Peter's Cove, where he lived until death.

John Grammer (1832-1898) m. Mary Elizabeth Peters. They lived one and a quarter miles west of Woodville. Their farm is now owned by J. H. Turpin. To this union eight children were born, only three lived to be grown. (1) Walter Grammer m. Corah Lewis, (2) Sarah Violet Grammer m. Silas Stephen Wright, (3) Oscar Grammer m. Bessie Stribbling. Both Walter and Oscar went to Texas.

The Elkins Family

Three Brothers came to America. Their names were (1) Nacy, (2) Asa, and (3) Shalum. Shalum went to Ohio to live and resided there until his death. Asa and Nacy Elkins lived in Middle Tennessee, between Tullahoma and Shelbyville.

Eli Elkins, son of Nacy came to Alabama about 1835, settled one mile of Butler's mill, in Marshall County and reared a large family. Eli Elkins born in 1786, m. 1814 Nancy Riggins born 1797. Children: (1) Deletha Elkins married Joel Barclay. (2) William Elkins m. a Bennett. (3) Mary Ann Elkins. (4) Asa W. Elkins m. a Huff. They lived in Middle Tennessee. One of their sons, George T. Elkins, lived on Mud Creek, Jackson County, Ala. (5) Sarah L. Elkins m. Joel Wil-

Dodd, Gipson and Wisdom families. Daniel Dodd was born in New York 1827, lived at Clyde, Iowa, moved to near Scottsboro, Ala., 1882. Children; Amelia,, Gene Ida. Minnie, Ernest died 1887 burried in Scottsboro.

Erwin Eugene Dodd married 1888, Dora Gipson; Children: Lizzie, Eugene, Daniel (born 1894, died 1897), Amelia, (born 1896, died 1922), Olive, Oliver, Myrtle, Minnie (born 1907, died 1929), John and Charlie Dodd (born 1910, died 1916).

Erwin Eugene Dodd born near Fairbolt, Minn., 1861, died 1945 at Nat, Ala.

Dora (Gipson) Dodd, born 1868, died 1945.

Eugene Dodd, Jr., was a soldier in World War I; born 1891; died 1948.

C. S. Peake was a soldier in World War I. John Dodd was a soldier in World War II. Gene White, a grandson was in World War II. Dora Dodd, her mother and grandmother and two daughters each had twin boys.

Gipson Family

The Gipsons emigrated from N.C. to Coosa County, Ala., and then moved to Woodville in 1850. Amos Gipson's father died and is buried in Union Cemetery. They moved back to Coosa County, where Amos married. They came back in 1869, moving to near Nat in 1875. Children: Lizzie, George and Allen-twins, Will, Martha, Amos, John, Milton, Dora Gipson. They were law abiding, Primitive Baptists.

Wisdom Family

Uncle "Nat" and wife, Mary Wisdom was one of the first families to settle on the Cumberland Mountain and for whom the late Post office got its name "Nat". He had a water mill to grind corn before 1875. They kept the Post office a number of years.

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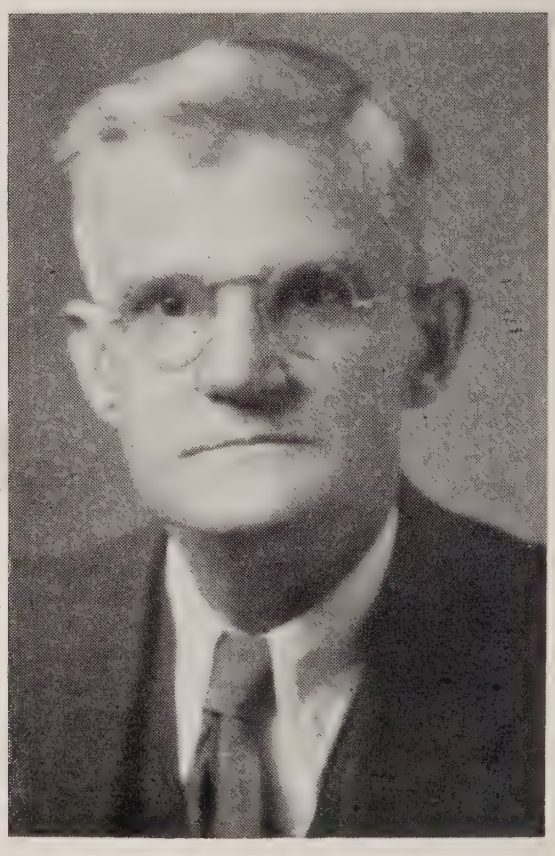
der. They have a daughter, Mrs. Verna Denham age 91, living in Harlan, Ky. (6) Matilda Elkins. (7) Nacy K. Elkins m. Elizabeth Kennamer, youngest daughter of Samuel Kennamer Sr. Their daughter, Eliza, m. P. J. Kennamer, father of S. E., W. K., Pearl and Nettie Kennamer. (8) James R. Elkins m. Matilda Butler. Children: (a) Margaret A. Elkins m. Isham Asap Kennamer. They reared ten children. (See the Kennamer Family History) (b) Will E. Elkins m. Lucy Ann

Judge James Wyatt Stuart, son of John Hunt, and Sudie Elizabeth (Kennamer) Stuart, born July 27, 1913. He traveled selling Merita bread a few years, was a member of State National Guard, entered World War II and was soon made a Captain. He was elected Judge of Probate in 1946, which position he is filling with a good record. He is a great deer hunter and a crack shot.

Elder Harvey P. Houk, grandson of Elder Simeon Houk was born in Jackson county, October 29, 1877. Attended the public schools asd graduated at Green Academy 1897. Taught school until appointed postmaster at Gurley in 1926, serving 8 years. He continued teaching until 1947. Ordained on Elder of the Primitive Baptist church 1908. Served churches in Jackson Co., and Flint church, in Madison Co. the oldest church in the state—has been moderator of Mud Creek Association about 40 years.



Page (Bulman) Elkins, now living, age 94. (c) Nancy Elkins m. George Thomas Kennamer. (d) Mary Elkins m. a Moon and then a Cobb. (e) James Daniel Elkins m. Eliza Susan Kennamer, my sister.

(9) Richard L. Elkins m. Nancy Alabama Kennamer. (10) Eli Mastin Elkins m. Sarah F. Kennamer, eldest daughter of Abram B. Kennamer and wife Elizabeth J. Hodges. To this union 12 children were born; four are living, Andrew, Martha Ann, Emma and Eliza Elkins.

After the death of Eli Sr., his widow Nancy, became the third wife of Lewis Page.

The Houk Family

With the aid of the research work of W. C. Kennamer of Yonkers N. Y. discloses the fact that the Houks and Kennamers came to this country on the same ship; that 13 years later they were living in the same community in York County, Penn.

The Kennamers came south to Fairfield S. C. The Houks came to East Tennessee, and to Alabama, Jackson County.

Jacob Houk came over here with Stephen Kennamer, age 60, and Jacob Kennamer, age 16, in the Ship Mary, which sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 1732. The first Houk to come to Jackson County, Ala., as shown by the census records, 1850, Mikel Huok, age 56, born in Tenn. Lydia Houk age 54, born in Tenn. Lydia was a Lemons, sister of Margaret Butler, wife of Samuel Butler, Sr., also a sister of Annie, wife of Richard Wood. The records show that Michael Houk and eldest son Simeon, came to Jackson County, about 1820. They settled in Shiffman's Cove 1830 where they lived until death. Children: (1) Simeon Perry Houk ,1818-1880) m. Tobitha Murray (1818-1912). Simeon was a well known Primitive Baptist preacher. Children (a) George W. Houk m. Vina Nelson. George was the father of Andrew and Harvey Houk, two Primitive Baptist preachers and school teachers. (b) Lydia Ann Houk m. Rubin Rouseau. (c) James J. Houk m. Sarah Taylor. (d) William (Bill) Houk m. Henryetta Bowers daughter of Wilt Bowers, son of William Bowers, who settled one mile west of Woodville. (e) Martha Caldonia Houk m. James M. Rooks. (f) Bradford Houk, killed in Peter's Cove near the close of the Civil War by John Sparks' Scouts. (g) Sarah E. Houk m. William Smith. (h) Melvin A. Houk m. James Manning first and Mat Stewart, next. (i) John Mike Houk m. first

Mary Eliza Manning, second Mrs. Lee. (j) Millie Houk m. J. M. (Dock) Stewart. They reared 8 boys and 3 girls.

(2) Melvina Houk m. Adams who settled in Cotton Cove at an early date. (3) Lacy (Salathiel) Houk born in Ala. 1823 m. Elizabeth Maples, a daughter of Moses Maples. Lacy was a good singer and musician. Their eldest son, A. J. (Jack) Houk, as did most of the family. went to Texas. (4) Margaret Houk m. Bud Austin. Michael Houk, Sr. and Lacy Houk are buried in Union Cemetery. Simeon Houk is buried in Peters Cove Cemetery. (5) Eliza Houk, daughter of Michael, m. first John Woodall, youngest son of Willis Woodall Sr. They reared two sons, Salathiel, and Howard Woodall.

John M. Snodgrass, Scottsboro, Alabama, born July 30, 1894 at Scottsboro, Alabama.

Graduated from Jackson County high school—1912. University of Alabama, B. S. degree—1916. University of Alabama, L. L. B. degree—1917.

First Lieutenant, U. S. Infantry —November 1917—August 1918. Captain, U. S. Infantry—August 1918—February 1919. Member of American Expeditionary Forces, 11th Div. 1918.

Member of Alabama Legislature —1923-1927, 1931-1935, 1947-1951. Administration Floor Leader — Alabama Legislature — 1947-1949. Delegate to Democratic National Convention — 1932.

Member of Alabama State Bar Commission 20 years.

Member of State Board of Education.

Vice-President State Board of Education.

Appointed Judge of Ninth Judicial Circuit — November 1949.

Is a Democrat, Methodist and member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Married Miss Sydie Jones of Scottsboro, Alabama in July 1925 and have three children; Mrs. Jean Thomas, Starke, Florida; Miss Augusta Snodgrass, Scottsboro, Alabama; and John David Snodgrass, Scottsboro, Ala.

CHAPTER 20

The Hodges Family

Among the great streams of immigrants who began in 1805 and continued a few years, coming from many places in the East and South were the Hodges. John Hodges came from Goochland County in Virginia, settled about five miles north of Huntsville. John Hodges had a limited amount of wealth. About the time the Hodges family came to Madison County, Alabama, there came also the Saddler family, who possessed even less of this world's goods. By hard work, thrift, and the practice of economy both famiiles acquired some land. John Hodges died before 1833 as the settlement of his estate shows. Who his wife was we have not yet learned. There were six heirs. but we have located only five children, as follows: (I) Nancy Hodges (1786-1817) m. 1805 in Virginia, to Lewis Page. He was a taxpayer in Madison County, in 1815. Nancy died in Madison County.

(II) Lucy Hodges m. 1813 in Madison County, John P. Hawkins. They came to south of Woodville in 1832. (III) Richard Thompson Hodges had two brothers. Pleasant Hodges, my mother's father, and Willis Hodges. Thompson Hodges m Martha K. Sadler (called Patsy) 1819. He bought land from David Kennamer and wife, Amy, near Woodville April 2, 1835. This tract of land is south of the high school, later known as the James Woodall place, still later the Jack Jones place.

Richard T. Hodges died here just before the war between the states. Martha and her eldest daughter, Louisa, lived here until some years after the war, both dying the same day. They, Richard Thompson, and sister, Lucy Hawkins and husband are buried in an unkept, unmarked cemetery on the west side of the road, south of the new high school building.

Children of Richard Thompson Hodges and Martha Saddler: (1) Louisa Hodges m. George Chandler. He died soon after marriage. They had one girl, Sallie, born after her father's death. She lived thirty years.

(2) Elizabeth N. Hodges m. 1842, Abram B. Kennamer (1818-1879). He was a son of Sam Kennamer and Susannah Boshart. They reared a large family. (See the Kennamer Family History, pages 75-77).

(3) John Thompson (Jack) Hodges ,1826-1890). His wife was Margaret S. Lovin (1830-1899). Jack lived six miles east of Woodville. He was a great hunter. Their children are: (a) William Franklin Hodges (1846-1881) m. first Mary Is-

bell Gipson. She and her unnamed baby died in childbirth. Mr. Hodges married Martha Ann Peters. Children: Hugh Henry, William Julian, Claud Lovin, and Maggie E. Hodges, All are now deceased. (b) Henry Hodges died of congestive chill. (c) Martha (Pattie) Hodges m. James Phillips. After his death she married Tal Whiterd of New Hope, Ala. (d) James R. (Jim Strut) Hodges m. Mattie Thomason, who lived to a real old age. James was a fluent talker, well read man, and suffered a few years before death with rheumatism. Children: Annie Hodges m. Perry O. Byrum, Jessie Hodges m. Harvey Smith. Will J. Hodges married first Ida Gray, reared eight sons, Delbert, Purville, Paul, Clifford, Veland, Lester, Kenneth and Harrison Hodges. Will m. the second time Leona Black. Fred Hodges married Effie Barclay. They live at the Billy Barclay old home. Children: Verbon, Marvin, Cecil, Veda, Telford, Howard and Ruby Clara Hodges.

Homer Lee Hodges m. Millard Lee Page. They live in Woodville. Homer has been a barber in this town for many

Kenneth Wade Hodges, born Mar. 1, 1913; married Dec. 23, 1933, Montelle Prince. She is a daughter of William S. Prince and Rosa Lee Cobb. Kenneth is a son of Will Hodges and Ida Gray, was in the garage business for eight years, is an automobile dealer in new and used cars, lives in Old Woodville at the Henry Derrick place, later known as the T. M. Cobb place.

Children: Judy Carolyn, born Sept. 5, 1945. Kenneth Laddie, born July 1, 1948.

years. Children: Grover C. Hodges and Cora Elsie Hodges. Elsie m. Archie Harold Kennamer, minister Church of Christ. Mattie Lou Hodges m. Bob Cameron. They reared four sons and three daughters.

(e) Nancy Ann Hodges m. Will H. Thomason. (f) John T. (Roud) Hodges (1859-1908) m. Rebecca Thomas. Children: (a) Frank Hodges m. Lena Elkins, (b) Sarah Lela Hodges m. Perry Lee Page. After Lela's death Lee m. (c) Maggie Hodges, sister of Lela., (d) Bessie Lee Hodges m. Paris Thompson Page. (e) Roy B. Hodges m. Vada Pearl Kennamer.

(g) Migison Hodges died young. He was named for his maternal grandfather who was postmaster at Woodville in 1844.

(h) Nellie Hodges m. James Clemons. She is living age 93. (i) Monroe Alfonso (Fonny) Hodges m. Addie Chastain, daughter of John Chastain. Children: (a) Dr. John Rayford Hodges of Scottsboro m. Jennie McGahee. He has been successful both as a doctor and in the business world. He has owned and run Hodges Hospital in Scottsboro for a long time. (b) Bunyan Hodges lost his life while in bathing in the Tennessee River at Florence. He was going to school. (c) Era Hodges m. Percy D. Wilson, son of W. J. Wilson. He is a Methodist minister. (d) Ruthie Hodges lives with her mother in Woodville. All the foregoing are descendants of John Thompson (or Jack) Hodges.

(4) Coleman (or Coly) Hodges (1828-1871) was the second son and fourth child of Richard Thompson Hodges and Martha Saddler. Coly is buried in the abandoned Cemetery near Woodville High School, where many of the Hodges family are buried. He married Eliza Page, daughter of Lewis Page and second wife Rebecca Jones. Children: (a) John William (or Johnny) Hodges m. Sarah Frances Kennamer, youngest daughter of Asap Kennamer. They reared 14 children to be grown. They went to Texas.

(b) Rufus B. Hodges born Dec. 20, 1860 is living, m. Ellen Wood in Larkensville in 1885. They made their home for years in Wright's Cove. Children: (1) Ada Hodges m. Milton Kennamer, (2) May Hodges m. Robert Moody of Guntersville, (3) Chester Hodges m. Stella Nicholas. They reside at Florence, Alabama.

(c) Albert Thompson Hodges m. Martha Ellen Kennamer, daughter of Stephen D. Kennamer. Twelve children were born to this union. All are in Texas.

(d) Martha Hodges m. Lon Pendergrass. They moved to Texas. Both are dead.

(e) Louisa Hodges m. first Canada Phillips. After his death she married a Houk.

(5) Permelia Barton (Aunt Duck) Hodges m. William L. Page, a son of Lewis Page. William was a brother of Eliza, the wife of Coley Hodges. Children: (1) Thomas Page, 1851-1882) m. first Sarah Elizabeth Jones (1853-1874). Children: (a) Mary Barton Page m. Robert Harvey Thomas, (b) Sarah Elizabeth Page (wift of the writer) m. John R. Kennamer. Tom Page m. second Nancy Butler. Children:

(c) John W. Page, Primitive Baptist Minister married Eliza F. Thomas, (d) Margaret Jane Page m. Claud L. Hodges. Their son, J. F. Hodges, served 16 years as Supt. of Education in Jackson County, (e) Tomy Ann Page m. Will G. Kennamer.

(2) James Monroe Page m. Hattie R. Bishop. Children, Pleasant Coleman, Perry Lee, Pilus Wade, Parry Etta, Permelia Mollie, Paris Tompson, Pearly Ann, and Percola Snow Page.

(3) Lucy Ann Page born Sept. 6, 1855, living, age 94, m. first Will Bulman. They had one daughter, Willie Ann Bulman who m. David M. Thomas. After Mr. Bulman died Lucy Ann m. William E. Elkins. Children: (a) Robert D. Elkins m. Leora Kennamer. (b) Elmer Jerome Elkins m. Inah M. Kennamer. (c) Lena Elkins m. Frank Hodges. (d) John Elkins m. Lettie Boshart.

(4) Robert Coleman Page (1858-1940) m. Josephine Kennamer (1861-1947). Children: Frank E., Milus Milton, Lillie Mae, Lewis Allen, Willard and Millard, twins, Lucy V., and Veda Estelle Page. (See Kennamer History.)

(6) Sarah E. Hodges (1835-1905) m. James R. Woodall. (See the Woodall family).

(7) Lucy V. Hodges (1838-1826) m. Hudson Butler. (See Hudson Butler family).

The Pleasant Hodges Family

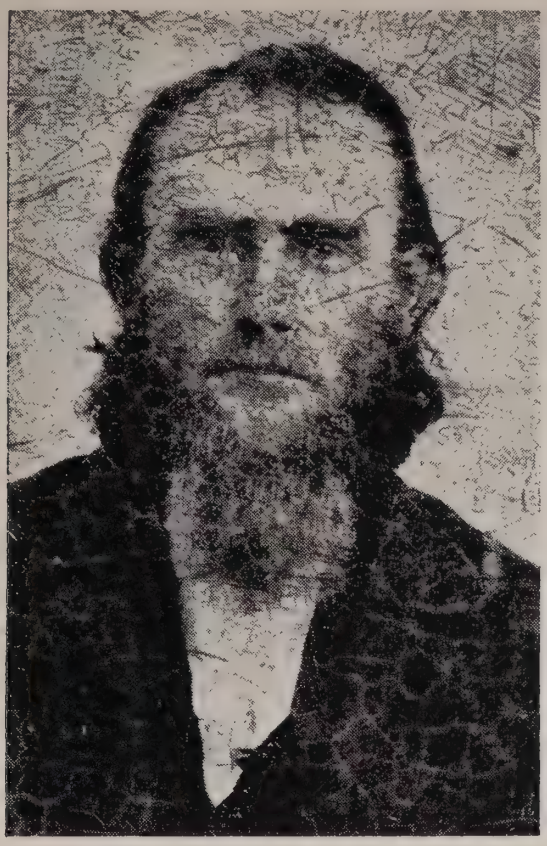
Pleasant Hodges came with his father John Hodges, from Virginia to Madison County, Alabama, who settled five miles north of Huntsville.

A great many members of the Hodges family have married into the Kennamer family. One cannot write the history of either family without giving much of the history of the other.

Pleasant Hodges m. Elizabeth Saddler in Madison County, Alabama, April 11, 1821. They came to Jackson County, bought 80 acres of land from Alfred M. Derrick, February 10, 1835.

He and wife with four children and two slaves, Kezzie

and Emiline, found one log cabin here in which to live. My mother, a babe not yet one year old was in this group. It is true that some of the elder members of the Hodges family were not church members, yet they were honest, peaceable, law-abiding citizens. In personal appearance Pleasant Hodges was rather low and heavy built. He died some time during the Civil War. His wife died 1871 at the old home place one and a quarter miles south of Woodville. This farm is now owned by S. H. Kennamer's heirs. Children (I) Robert J. Hodges m. first in 1844 Martha (Patsy) Perkins, daugh-



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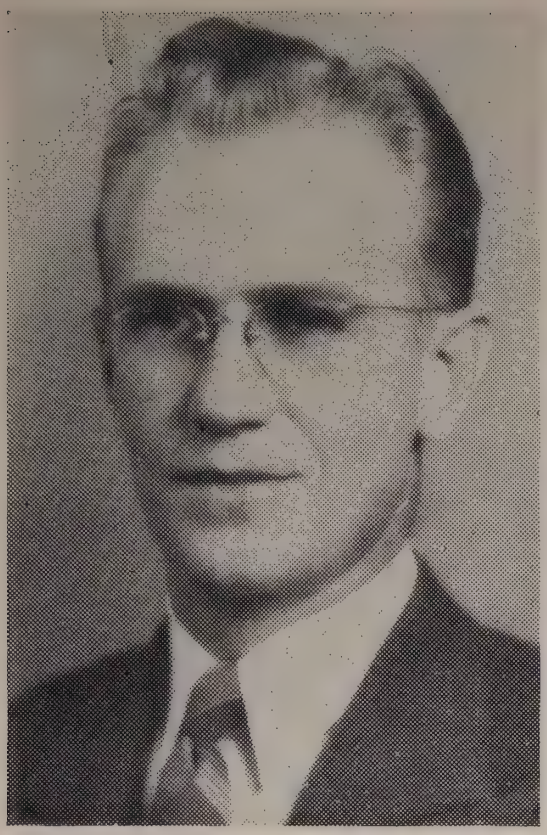
ter of Jabez Perkins. Two girls were born to this union: (1) Elizabeth Hodges m. Marion Law, (2) Fannie Hodges m. Joe B. Parkhill, whose daughters m. Green and Albert Butler. Robert's second wife was Mary Maples, daughter of Josiah (Joe) Maples whose wife was Polly (Mary) Butler, sister of Sam Butler Sr. Mary was a small woman. I remember well when a boy seeing Uncle Robert and Aunt Mary coming to see us, both riding the same horse. Mr. Hodges served a term as Commissioner in Marshall County, ran a store in Woodville for my father, David Kennamer and brother Jacob L. Kennamer in 1879-80. He was on the jury that tried and convicted the noted bandit, Frank James

in Federal Court in Huntsville, Ala., 1884. Children by last wife, (3) Sarah Ann Hodges m. Ed. Barclay. (4) Martha Jane Hodges m. Montgomrey Bennett (Gum) Thomas.

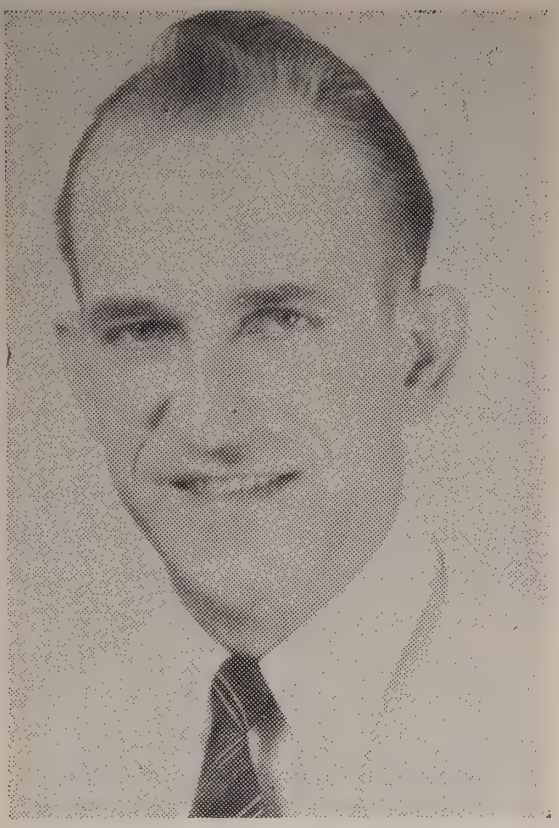
(5) George J. Hodges m. Eilzabeth (Mollie) Bulman. He was of a jovial nature, taking life in a great way. Children: (a) Chesley R. Hodges m. Ora Mildred Wallace. Their children: Hazel, Telford lost his life in an airplane accident, Bruce, (R. C.) Kenneth and Oliver Hodges. (b) Robert (or Bob) m. first Flora E. McCarrell, second Mrs. Callie (Yarbrough) Thomas. Robert is the father of the Hodges who have made a success in the drug business at Scottsboro. (c) James Wiley Hodges m. Cora Manilla Page. Children: James Brooks, Wendell Rayburn, Eunice Vivian Hodges. (d) Daisy

George J. Hodges and Family—First row left to right: James Wiley, George Johnson Hodges, Mary L. (Bulman) Hodges, Lilly Mae Daisy, second row left to right: Robert L., Raymond Chesley, and Mary Elizabeth Hodges.

Robert L. Hodges, born August 25, 1895, living, married Flora Ethel McCarroll. Children: L. C. Hodges, born Sept. 4, 1910, Thomas' Cove, attended school, Woodville, Lim Rock, Jackson County High School, Scottsboro, Alabama. Very active civic affairs locally, member of Masons, vice president, Alabama Pharmaceutical Association, died of accident with motorcycle August 6, 1945. Married to E iza Thomas, daughter of M. C. Thomas, Sons: Thomas and Donald.



Chas. E. Hodges, born Oct. 15, 1914, Lim Rock, Alabama, School Lim Rock and Woodville, Alabama, married Frances Bell, daughter of R. M. Bell, Morgan City, Miss. To this union born two daughters, Mary Charles and Georgia Carole, and one son, Laudra Robert. A druggist. Hodges Drug store has been very successful from its beginning and does a thriving business.



R. L. Hodges, Jr. (Robert Leslie) born Lim Rock, Alabama, Nov. 9, 1917, attended school in Lim Rock, Alabama, served in Navy during Second World War, married Zelma Nichols, daughter of Floyd Nichols, Dutton, Alabama. To this union born two sons, Robert and Douglas, a druggist, a Mason and member of Lion's Club.

Ann Hodges m. Kenneth Hunter Kennamer. Children: Ralph Weldon and Verna Mae Kennamer. (e) Mary Hodges m. Pendergrass. (f) Lillie Hodges m. Milton Phillips.

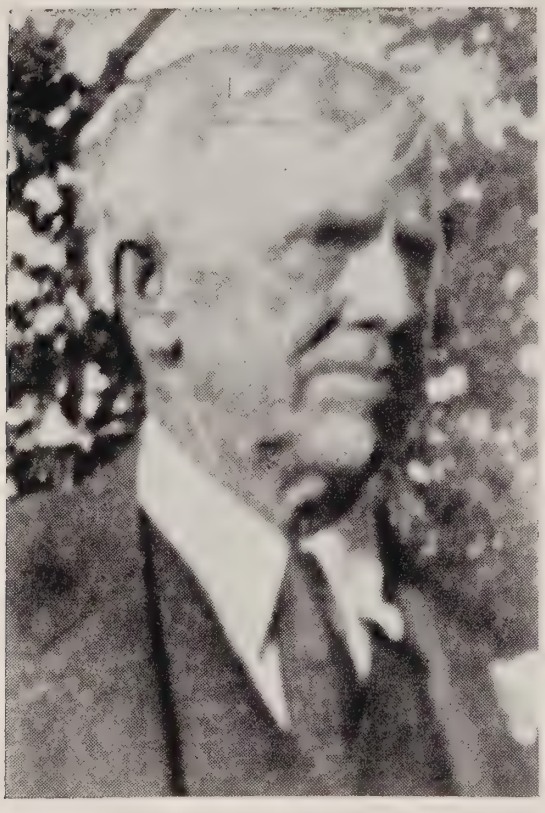
(II) Sarah Hodges and (III) Martha Jane Hodges both died in Madison County before their father and his family came to Jackson County. One of the girls lost her life by falling on a case knife in crossing the floor, which stuck in the roof of her mouth.

(IV) Frances Alabama Hodges m. Geo. Step Woodall.

(V) William Henry Hodges born in Madison County died before he grew to manhood, buried at his father's old home south of Woodville.

(VI)) Kitty Lewis Hodges (my mother) was born in Madison County, Ala., Nov. 22, 1834; died July 15, 1905, m. David Kennamer. (See The Kennamer History Page 287).

(VII) George R. Hodges born near Woodville 1843, died at Albertville and buried there. He served in 12th. Ala. Int. C. A. Private in Co. G. He m. Lou L. Jones, born in N. C. 1846. Mr. Hodges served as Commisisoner, was a member of road committee when the first pike roads were built; served three short periods as Postmaster in Woodville, was a merchant, Justice of Peace, and ran a hotel. He sold his home, in Woodville to J. R. Kennamer in 1904, and moved to Albertville. Children: (1) Mary E. Hodges died July, 1888 at the age of 16. (2) Albert Sidney Hodges m. Mary Butler. Sidney taught school for years, mostly in Madison County. (3) Patrick Wayland Hodges m. Georgia E. Howard. P. W. taught school, served as a member from Jackson and Marshall Counties in the Constitutional Convention of 1901, made a good record serving in the Educational Department at Montgomery. His son, P. W., Jr., was killed in an airplane crash while on duty in the army. (4) Rebecca Hodges m. Jim W. Walker who runs a drug store in Albertville. (5) Elgie E. Hodges m. Peter F. Maples. She taught school. She died soon after marriage. (6) Rufus Hodges m. Maude Dodd at Dayton, Tennessee.



Albert Sidney Hodges was born near Woodville April 28, 1868; died Nov. 26, 1939, married Dec. 23, 1896, Mary Butler of Poplar Ridge, Madison Co.

He graduated from Winchester Normal, in 1893; taught there a short time, then returned to Madison Co. Ala., where he taught for more than 40 years. Children:

1. Orville B. Hodges—P. O. address, c/o Lee Co. High School, Auburn, Ala.
2. Miss Lucile Hodges, c/o Frontier Nursing Service, Wendover, Ky.
3. Miss Dorothy Hodges, 505 Walker St., Huntsville, Ala.
4. Mrs. Lina McClendon, Hermitage, Tenn.
5. A. S. Hodges, Jr. Headland, Ala.
6. Mrs. Kathryn Awbrey, Roanoke, Ala.

Willis Hodges Family

Wills Hodges, the youngest son of John Hodges, with two brothers, Thompson and Pleasant, settled near Woodville, 1835. He married first Sarah Riggins in Madison County, Ala., in 1833. They settled at the place known as the Billie Boshart place now owned by Willie O. Butler. He and his first wife are buried on the homestead. Willis sold the home to Ellison Phillips.

Willis was the father of ten children, five by his first wife, Sarah Riggins, and five by his second wife, Nancy Coulson. Willis died at the home of Marion Bowers who had married his eldest daughter. Children: (1) James Hodges m. Sarah Butler, daughter of Samuel Butler, Sr. James Hodges was a great fisherman and hunter. He lived in Madison County near Poplar Ridge. Children: (a) Sallie Hodges m. George Maples, (b) John Hodges m. first Mary Moon, second Mollie Woody. (c) James P. Hodges m. first Jane Jones, second Laura (Wood) Precise. Sam K. Hodges, the agent and timber dealer of Larkinsville, is a son of James P. and first wife. Charles T. Hodges of Sheffield is a son by his second wife. (d) Margaret Hodges m. Andrew Esslinger. (e) George Hodges m. Sallie Walters. (f) Alfred Hodges m. Maggie Whiterd.

(2) Nancy Janes Hodges m. Marion Bowers, youngest son of William Bowers.

(3) Pleasant Hodges m. Mary Jane Barclay. They lived near Mount Olive, where Dea. Wright lives, until Willis was eight years old. They moved to the old Jim Lee home in Marshall County. Children: (a) William (Billie) Hodges m. Mary Webster. They reared a large family near New Hope. (b) Willis Hodges m. Alice Wann. She was a twin sister of Fannie (Wann) Butler and half sister of Elder Andrew J. Wann. They reared six daughters and four sons. Children: Lou, Mary, Myrtle, Vida, Maude, Estelle, Delbert, Leslie and twins Wayland and Mayland Hodges. (c) Sallie Hodges died single. (d) Mary Hodges married J. R. Page. Children: Artie S. Page and Cora M. Page. Artie married Elizabeth Childress. Cora m. James W. Hodges. (e) Martha Jane Hodges m. William Nathan Elkins. (f) Lizzie Hodges m. first William Julian Hodges. He was studying to make a preacher, but died soon. Children: Allie Maude Hodges m. Samuel H. Kennamer. Vera Hodges m. Arthur Collins. Their son, Dr. Arthur Carl Collins m. Elizabeth Catherine Covey of Dubloin, Va. Orville D. Hodges m. Amanda Mae Kennamer. Dr. Julian Hodges m. Ruby Hill. He with his nephew, Dr. Carl Collins have a clinic in Scottsboro. (g) James Tom Hodges

Tom H. Chandler, son of Marion Chandler, was born Oct. 3, 1879, married Dec. 16, 1903, Myrtle Hodges, daughter of George Hodges, born April 2, 1885. Children: 1. Maude, born Oct. 15, 1904. 2. Nell, born Oct. 6, 1906. 3. Houston, born Sept. 28, 1911. 4. Kenneth Chandler born Dec 22, 1913. All the children have High School education. Nell has taught 24 years—two yearsin Jackson County and the rest in Madison County. Mr. Chandler has been a farmer all his life. He and wife have four grand-children, and are Primitive Baptists.

m. Dora G. Elkins. Children: Elgie Estelle Hodges m. Jesse Andrew Wilson. Eddie Clifton Hodges m. Vesta Elkins. Leona Hodges m. Dewey Lavoy Kennamer. Marvin Ray Hodges died single. (h) Rosa Hodges m. J. Calvin Vernon. Their son, Oakland Vernon, m. Beancy Page. (i) Effie Hodges m. Fred Hodges. Children: Verbon Hodges m. Viola Shephard, Marvin Hodges m. Myrtle Fairbanks. Cecil Hodges m. Margaret Meeks, Veda Hodges m. Lee Brewer, Telford Hodges, single, Howard Hodges m. Opal Butler, and Ruby Hodges.

(4) John Hodges m. Lydia Houk, eldest daughter of Lacy Houk. They went to Texas and reared a family.

(5) Harriet Hodges m. Tol Cameron. Children of Willis Hodges and second wife, Nancy Coulson:

(6) Ferby Louisa Hodges m. E. O. D. (Hane) Pruitt. They lived in Woodville where Will Chandler lives. Hane Pruitt was the only son of Willis W. Pruitt ad Nancy Jane Lewis, daughter of Henry Lewis. Hane ran a shop and cut people's hair, all in the same building. His wife died leaving eight children: named John, George, Mary, Mattie, Dora, Rhoda, Julia and Joe Pruitt.

(7) Nute Hodges was a member of Capt. Frank Cotton's Confederate Scouts, was captured in Paint Rock Valley, and died in prison at Camp Chase, Ohio.

(8) Dock Hodges served in the Confederate Army.

(9) Elizabeth Hodges m. John Young. They emigrated to Texas.

(10) Joe Hodges died young.

CHAPTER 21

The Jones Family

The Jones came to Virginia as early as 1622 and settled at Hogg's Island, opposite Jamestown. Mrs. Leona (Woodall) Merritt, Clarendon, Ark., and Mrs. Ellen Dilworth, 501 E St. Lawrence, Gonzales Texas, have traced the Jones Family down to the present time. There were four Jones who served in the Revolutionary War, one of whom was John Jones. He was living in Jackson County when pensions were granted 1833.

There were two different families of Jones that lived at or near Butler's Mill.

Henry Jones was educated in England for a Presbyterian minister, ran away from home and came to America. His children were: Willim H., Richard H. (Dick, the miller), Mary, Dave J., Bryant C. and Elizabeth Jones.

Enoch Jones was no kin to these named.

Sam H. Hodges, son of James P., and Henryetta Jane (Jones) Hodges, born two miles south of Woodville; desiring to get into railroad business, he made agreement 1903 with cousin, P. H. Woodall, then Agent at Woodville, to learn telegraphy and station agent work. He built fires, kept office clean, kept fresh water fo rthe public, to put up and take down two switch lamps daily —all gratis for the privilege of getting a job.

His first work was at Huntsville night operator April 30, 1905; Jan. 21, 1906, was transferred to Paint Rock; July 16, 1907 was appointed agent at Larkinsville, Alabama where he is still agent. He married 1912, Minnie Jackson, daughter of W. C. Jackson. Children: 1. Mary Jane, married Coburn H. Thomas. They have one child, Nancy Jane, age 3.

2. Sam, Jr. married 1948, Margaret E. Davis. Sam Jr., spent three years in World War II, discharged as Captain.

Sam, Sr., has had seevral sidelines in business — produce, timber, lumber and land. He built a home at Scottsboro 1940, where he resides.

Joel Jackson Jones. Born in North Carolina, March 22, 1856, moved to Woodville at age 16, married Demarius Woodall in 1879, was farmer and belonged to Primitive Baptist church. Died 1930.
Demarius Woodall Jones. Born May 28, 1856, school teacher for several years until married. Died in 1918.
Four living children to union, Robt. L., Nannie G., Sydney C. and William G., Sr.

There were two Jones brothers living near Raleigh, N. C., who married sisters, then came to Woodville in 1848.

Rufus Henry Jones, (1824-1885) m. Mary Ann Clementine Wilson, (1826-1900), and reared a family. Both are buried in Union Cemetery. Children: (I) Louisa L. Jones, born in N. C. (1846-1931) m. George R. Hodges. They lived in Woodville many years, where I am writing this history.

(II) Helen Jones m. Wesley Jerd Fletcher. They had no children. Jerd was a Confederate Scout, was captured, and nearly starved in prison in Ohio. He was a farmer.

(III) Joe Billie Jones m. Sarah Caldonia Peters. They went to Texas.

(IV) Sarah Elizabeth Jones (born 3-16, 1853, died 6-26, 1874). She married Tom Page (born 7-22, 1851, died 11, 1882).

Children: (1) Mary Barden Page m. Robert Harvey Thomas. (2) Sara Elizabeth Page m. John Robert Kennamer. She was only eight days old when her mother died. She was reared by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus H. Jones. Mary was reared by Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Page. Tom Page married the second time Nancy Butler.

(V) Jane Jones m. James P. Hodges.

(VI) Mary Frances (Mollie) Jones m. S. H. Kennamer.

William G. Jones Sr., b. Sept. 16, 1892 at Woodville. Educated at Woodville Grammar School, Albertville and Scottsboro High Schools, Green Academy and Florence State Teachers College. He is married to the former Miss Amanda Flanagan of Paint Rock and they are the parents of one son, William G., Jr. At present he is working with the post office department as a rural mail carrier at Woodville. He is a member of the Woodville Missionary Baptist Church, and is a veteran of World War I with 2 years service. Nine months spent in Europe.

William G. Jones, Jr., b. April 24, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Jones of Woodville. He was graduated from Woodville High in 1940 as valedictorian of his class. A graduate of the University of Alabama, he served three years in the Army during World War II and saw service in the European Theatre of Operations. Currently he is editor of the Valley Daily Times-News, Lanett, Alabama—West Point, Georgia. He is married to the former Miss Vera Jean Baird of Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

She died Jan. 9, 1950, age 91. Children: Walter J. Kennamer, Leora, Elam M., Aquilla and Inah Kennamer. (See Kennamer History).

(VII) Rufus Henry Jones m. first a Houk in Texas. They reared a large family. Henry died at Woodville.

(VIII) Millard D. Jones m. Nelson L. Kennamer.

(IX) Martha Ann Jones died age 16.

(X) John H. M. Jones m. in Texas and reared six sons and one daughter.

Sidney Clark Jones born in N. C. 1826, m. Emeline Wilson born in N. C. 1832. They came to Woodville, Ala., but soon emigrated to Arkansas. Children: (1) Cary Clark Jones lived a long time in the state of Washington, died at Stevenson, Ala., unmarried.

(2) Alpheus Crausbery Jones lost a leg, died single.

(3) Joel Jackson Jones (1856-1930) m. at Woodville Demaris L. Woodall, daughter of James R. Woodall. She taught school for a few years. Children: Robert L., Nannie G., Sidney C., and William G. Jones.

(4) Deliza Ann Rebecca Jones m. William Jacob Bishop. They went to Texas and reared a family.

(5) Margaret Jones m. P. H. Woodall. (See Woodall family).

Robert Emmett Jones, Jr., Democrat of Scottsboro, Alabama, where he was born June 12, 1912; attended public schools of Scottsboro; was graduated from the University of Alabama with LL. B. degree on January 7, 1937, and admitted to the bar in Alabama January 20, 1937; member of Methodist Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kappa Alpha fraternity; married Miss Christine Francis in 1938 and they have one son, Rob; engaged in the general practice of law as a firm member Brewton & Jones; elected judge of Jackson County Court July 1940; entered Navy December 1943; and served Atlantic and Pacific theatres of operations as gunnery officer; reelected judge of Jackson County Court, May 1945; discharged from service February 1946; elected to Eightieth Congress in a special election to fill the vacancy created by John J. Sparkman's election to the United States Senate; reelected to the Eighty-first Congress on November 2, 1948.

CHAPTER 22

The Perkins Family

Jabez Perkins came from Southeastern Kentucky and settled east of Woodville near the Jackson-Marshall County line in the early 1920's. He was a Primitive Baptist preacher. He and David Kennamer were delegates in 1824 from Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church in Kennamer Cove to the Mud Creek Association meeting in Paint Rock Valley at Sardis Church.

His education was very limited. Often some member in his audience read his scripture text for him. He married first Rachel Wright, daughter of Old Isom Wright. To this union eight children were born —three sons and five daughters: (1) Allie Perkins m. Zacheus C. Kennamer; (2) Nancy Perkins m. Joab Wilder; (3) William Perkins m. first Lucy Jane Justice, eldest daughter of Mrs. (Kirby) Justice. William m second time Mrs. Christina (Woodall) Stapler. (4) Melvina Perkins m. David Derrick. (5) Ike Perkins m. Sarah Justice, sister of William's first wife. (6) Amy Perkins m. first Abram B. Kennamer, brother of Zacheus Kennamer. She was Abe's second wife. His first wife was Elizabeth Hodges, daughter of Richard Thompson Hodges. After Abe's death, Amy m. Jefferson O. Brown. (7) Zach Perkins emi-

Sarah E. Perkins, eldest daughter of William Perkins and wife Lucy Jane Justice. William Perkins was the eldest son of Jabez Perkins and wife, Rachel Wright. Jabez Perkins was a son of Jabez Perkins, Sr. who lived in Whitney County, Ky. Sarah E. or ("Aunt Dode") because the 2nd wife of Silas P. Woodall, Sr. Children: Albert E., James W., Samuel, Clay, Lucy, Walter, Conrad C., and Dallas P. Woodall.

Emmett R. Perkins, son of Z. E. Perkins and Allie (Woodall) Perkins, married first Viola Thomas. After her death, he married Exie Hall. They reared a large family, and live in Madison County, Alabama. Emmett is a farmer and trader, Democrat and Primitive Baptist.

George Perkins, brother of Emmett, married, resides in Birmingham, Alabama, is shoe salesman.

Alma Perkins was born near Woodville, Alabama, graduated in the 1932 class at Woodville High School. United with Union Primitive Baptist Church in 1933. Studied to be a nurse at Newell's Hospital, Chattanooga; graduated at Philadelphia, worked a while at Hodges, Hospital Scottsboro, took a post graduate course, Duke University Hospital in Durham, N. C. in Pediatrics.
Became member of the American Red Cross for nurses. Worked at Rome, Ga.; and has been nursing with Peerless Woolen Mills, Rossville, Georgia five years.

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grated to Texas before the Civil War, married and reared a family in Texas. (8) Martha (Patsy) Perkins m. Robert J. Hodges, my motehr's oldest brother. To this union two girls were born: (a) Elizabeth (called Betty) Hodges. She married Marion Law. (b) Fannie Hodges m. Joe B. Parkhill. After the death of Rachel, Jabez Perkins m. Mrs. Justice whose maiden name was a Kirby. She had three daughters who married respectively, William Perkins, Ike Perkins and

Samuel Phillips. Children of Jabez Perkins by second wife: (9) John W. Perkins m. Betty Rolilngs, (10) Tim Perkins was selling groceries and liquor in Woodville when the war came. He died in Mississippi.

The Peters Family

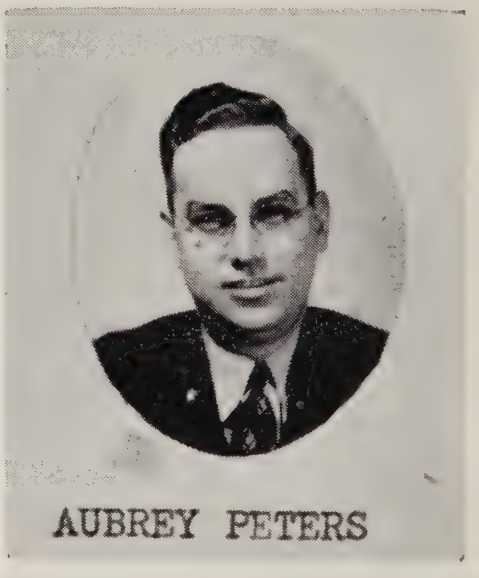
Two families of the Peters came to America. One family located at Petersburg, Virginia; the other one settled in New England. We do not know from which family the Peters of Jackson County descended, if from either. The first record we have, John Peters came to near Maysville, when Madison County was being settled, and built a log cabin. He, with three sons, settled Peter's Cove. His sons were Johnny, Henry and Andy Peters.

Uriah Peters, eldest son of Johnny Peters lived where Robert Hall's home place is. His first wife was a Davidson who was the mother of William (Bill) Peters. Uriah's second wife was Amanda Isbell who died in 1902. To this second union eleven children were born: (1) Sarah E. Peters m. Robert Hall who is still living at a ripe old age. (a) Hubert Hall m. Audrey Fern Kennamer, (b) Myrtle Hall m. Porter Perkins.

(2) J. Walk Peters m. Carrie Farr.

(3) Toy Peters m. Tom Cobb, Jr. Children: (a) David M. Cobb m. Elvie Thomas.

Aubrey Peters, son of Samuel D. Peters and Ida Bulman, born Dec. 9, 1908 at Woodville, Ala. He attended Northwestern University two years. Graduate of several special life insurance courses, including. Sales Research Bureau's agency management dren. Member of New York Life school. Married, has three chil- Top Club. Member Nationa Association of Life Underwriters. With U. S. Naval Reserve in World War II and saw action in the Pacific. Started in life insurance June 6, 1927 with New York Life in Chicago. Clerk in office until Jan 1, 1931, then special agent. In 1946 sold a million dollars insurance. Home, Chicago.



AUBREY PETERS

Charles C. Peters, son of Uriah Peters, born Dec. 30, 1888, married July 2, 1911, Maggie Lee Whitaker, born Aug. 30, 1890. Both were born near Woodville. Charles entered the service of the Southern Railroad as a Fireman Dec. 16, 1915, was promoted to Engineer May 1926.

Children:

1. Clarice Catherine, born Nov. 21, 1912, married Feb. 12, 1933, George I. Spencer of Tuscumbia.
2. Joseph Charles, born June 2, 1919, married Jan. 12, 1941, Reba N. McDaniel of Sheffield.
3. Mary Margaret, born Jan. 25, 1927, married Aug. 5, 1945, Robert Diaz, Jr. of Miami, Florida.

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(4) Samuel D. Peters m. Ida Bulman. Children: Gladys, Beatrice, Aubrey, Clara, Edward and Olive Peters.

(5) John A. Peters m. first Carrie Wright, second Ora Pierce.

(6) Ora C. (Biddie) Peters m. Robert L. Jones.

(7) J. Wheeler Peters m. Norma Woodall.

(8) Charlie Peters m. Maggie Whitaker.

(9) Henry Peters.

(10) Eliza Ann Peters.

(11) Harvey Peters m. Lucile Appling. John, Charlie, Henry and Harvey are railroad men.

Uriah Peters died 1899 of Flux, when so many persons here died of this disease.

The Phillips Family

Ellison Phillips (1817-1854) m. 1838 Lucinda Butler (1820-1886) eldest daughter of Samuel Butler, Sr. and wife, Margaret (Peggy) Lemons. They made their home in Marshall County, at the place formerly owned by Willis Hodges, Sr., but now owned by Willie O. Butler. Mr. Phillips died leaving six orphan children, to be reared by his widow. She was a large woman often called by her friends, "Old Lady Phillips." She was hit by a train near the Woodville depot which caused her death. She would not make claim for damage from the Railway Company because she said, "I was in fault."

The children: (1) Elihu Philips born 1840, died of measles

near Richmond, Va., while serving in the Confederate Army.

(2) Samuel Phillips m. Martha Justice, daughter of Mrs. (Kirby) Justice who became the second wife of Jabez Perkins. Mr. Phillips was a Methodist minister. They lived first near Denton Kennamer's home; they moved to the place where Mrs. Emma Elkins lives at the cross roads. They spent their last days at Albertville.

(3) Sally Phillips (1843-1880) m. R. M. (Dick) Erwin.

(4) Simeon Phillips born 1845 m. Martna J. Bowers in 1865. They lived a while in Woodville where Mrs. Charlotte Roberts now lives.

(5) Margaret Phillips (1847-1912) m. 1867, William R. Boshart. They owned and lived at the old home place where the Phillips family was reared. Children: (a) Emma Boshart m. 1892, Hugh Henry Hodges. To this union three children were born, Alvie E., Eula Mae and Adelle Hodges.

(b) James M. Boshart born 1878, m. Nellie J. Moore. Children: Edith, Green Sandford, Laura Leona, Edie Myrtle, Lettie, Wilburn and Harvey Boshart.

(6) Jahua Phillips born 1849, died at the age of four.

(7) James Phillips (1851-1876) m. 1870 Martha (Pattie) Hodges, daughter of Jack Hodges.

(8) Canada Phillips (1855-1876) m. 1871, Louisa Hodges, daughter of Coly Hodges.

(9) William Lihu Phillips was four years old when his father died. He m. Julia Thomas. He is now 77 years old and blind.

CHAPTER 23

THE WOODALL FAMILY

Willis Woodall was born in Franklin County, Virginia about 1785, emigrated to Tennessee, then came to Alabama, settled in the "Sinks" near Old Center Church in Marshall County which before 1836, was a part of Jackson County.

He later moved to the northern part of Kennamer Cove, where he lived until death. He is buried about a quarter of a mile of the Old Chandler Spring near the mountain, where three or four other persons are buried. The land is now owned by G. Denton Kennamer. His wife, Cary (Johnson) Woodall, was born in Virginia. There were six sons and two daughters, reared to marry and have families.

After the death of Willis, his widow, with two or three of her youngest children, moved to one mile west of Woodville, between the second and third cut near the railroad. She boarded the foreman and others of the construction crews, who built the Memphis and Charleston Railroad in 1853-54, now the Southern.

The widow evidently lived her last days with her eldest son, Pleasant Woodall, from 1863 to 1868, which latter date is probably the date of her death. Children:

(1) Mollie Woodall m. Zacheus Kennamer (1798-1841) twin brother of Levi Kennamer, youngest sons of Hans Ken-

Albert Woodall, son of Dr. Presley R., and Demaris Busby Woodall, b. Oct. 13, 1840, in Kennamer Cove, m. Martha Rebecca, daughter of David and Elizabeth Chandler Kennamer.

Mr. Woodall was Justice of Peace for many years, a well read man, lived near the D. A. R. school. After his wife's death moved to Sweaengin on Gunter's mountain. Children: Oscar E., Emmett, Mary Shirley, David Presley, Eliza Jane, Emma Florence, Martha Delre, Kate and Alice Woodall. He lived to a ripe old age—leaving many descendants.

namer. Children: (a) Levi Kennamer (1821-1841) m. Betsy Price. They had a son, John Calhoun Kennamer who m. Mary M. Fletcher. (b) Charlotte (called Lottie) Kennamer m. Christopher Columbus Peters. They had a dauhgter who m. John Grammer, another daughter, Martha Ann Peters became the second wife of William Franklin Hodges. There were three other children: William C. Peters, Zack T. Peters, and Sarah Caldonia Peters. Caldonia married Joe Billy Jones. They went to Texas. (c) "Big" Stephen E. Kennamer (1826-1870) m. Sullina Derrick, daughter of Henry Derrick. Children: Mary Katherine, Robert Preston (Bud), Alexander Taytor, Willis L. and Bettie Kennamer.

(2) Pleasant Woodall (1807-1881) m. Rebecca Kennamer (1813-1887), daughter of David Kennamer.

(3) Presley R. Woodall (1810-1863) m. Demaris Busby born in 1808 in S. C., sister of the writer's paternal grandmother. Mr. Woodall was a doctor, a prominent man in the

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James W. Woodall, b. May 26, 1875; m. April 7, 1907. Eliza. Myrtle Kennamer, b. Nov. 25, 1885. They lived at Woodville and Stevenson before moving to Chattanooga in 1917. He accepted a position with James Supply Co. as Order Clerk, leaving this company, entered the grocery business; retired 1933. Children: (1) Robert G. Woodall, b. May 21, 1908; m. November 24, 1943, Agnis Carden. He entered the service of Sou. Railway system 1923, as a messenger boy and has had several promotions, and is now located at New Orleans, La., as Division storekeeper. (2) Rayburn O. Woodall, b. June 24, 1910. m. June 1, 1935, Elsie Galloway. He is a bus driver. (3) Maude O. Woodall, b. May 18, 1919—Saleslady. (4) Katherine A. Woodall, b. Sept. 30, 1921, housewife. m. Joe L. Cates, April 22, 1942.

community, died in Illinois. Children (a) Christiana m. first Joseph Stapler; second Wililam Perkins. (b) Pleasant S. Woodall (1831-1879) m. Modilla Jane Pruitt (1840-1909), daughter of Willis W. Pruitt and wife, Nancy Jane Lewis. Nancy's mother was a daughter of the Revolutionary soldier James Cotton. (c) Silas P. Woodall (1833-1891) m. first Allie Wilder (1841-1871); second Sarah E. Perkins, "Aunt Dode." Children: by first marriage, William, Joseph, Nannie, Mollie and Henry Woodall; by the second marriage Albert E., James W., Samuel, Clay, Lucy, Walter, Conrad C. and Dallas P. Woodall. (d) James Riley Woodall (1834-1886) m. Sarah Elvira Hodges (1835-1905). (e) Cary Woodall m. Robert L. Lawing. She did not live long after marriage. (f) Albert Woodall m. Martha Rebecca Kennamer. They lived in Kennamer Cove near the D. A. R. School. Children: Oscar E. Emmett Mary Shirley, Davd Presley, Eliza Jane, Emma Florence, Martha Delre, Kate and Alice Woodall. (g) Jacob Woodall died in Illinois. (h) Mary F. Woodall m. Minas Wright.

(4) Bedie D. Woodall m. Minerva Finley. Lived in Marshall County near Warrenton.

(5) Martha Woodall m. Nacy Riggins.

(6) Geo. Step. Woodall m. Frances America Hodges. They lived south of Woodville a mile in what we call "Arkansas." Children: Mary, William Henry (Bud), Ollie G., George, Susan, (swallowed a large brass pin and died young),

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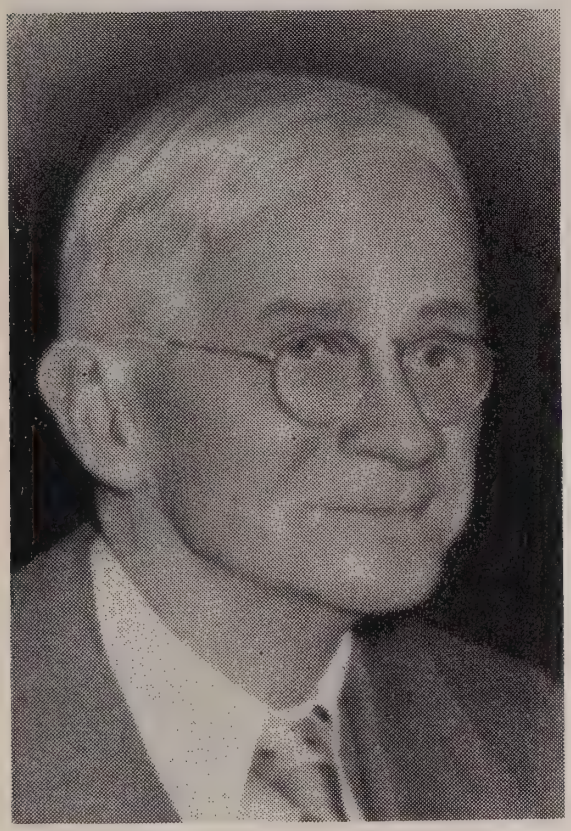

David Presley Woodall—Youngest son of Albert and Martha Rebecca Woodall, born August 25, 1872 in Kennamer Cove, Alabama. Attended public schools of that community.

In 1892 entered Iuka Normal Institute, Iuka, Mississippi. Taught school in Alabama and Georgia for twelve years. Married to Mary Esther Horne May 1, 1898 at Wesley Chapel, Ga. Entered the mercantile business at Hillsboro, Ala. in 1904. Appointed Postmaster at Hillsboro in 1924 and served until retirement in 1942.

He has five daughters.

Lucy, Julia, Pleasant Hodge, Bettie and John Woodall.

(7) John Woodall, born about 1822, m. Eliza Houk. It was his son, Howard Woodall, who has furnished some of the Woodall record.

(8) Wiley Woodall m. an Athley. They resided in Calhoun County, Alabama.

CLAY W. WOODALL & FAMILY

C. W. Woodall was born October 26th, 1879, has lived in Guntersville, Alabama, for 40 years. Business, Real Estate, moving pictures. Was married to Irene Chambless, Nov. 1899. Irene was born October 11, 1881, daughter of W. H. Chambless and Patty Clack Chambless.

Five children were born to Clay and Irene, 3 girls and 2 boys. Lyndall Woodall born July 26, 1900, married Herschel D. Johnson, to them was born 1 girl, Dr. Irene Johnson of Birmingham, Ala. Minor E. Woodall, born Sept. 28, 1902, married Della Rose Moss, to them were born 2 boys and 1 girl. Minor E. Jr., William Clay, and Adele. Minor E. Woodall, Sr., served as a major over seas in the last World War.

Gladys Woodall born Sept. 15 1904, married R. L. T. Hudgins, to them were born 2 girls, Lallie and Nell. (Lallie was selected as Queen of Cotton for the State of Alabama in 1949, by the State Cotton Council.)

Nell Woodall born July 3, 1906, married Reid B. Barnes, to them were born 2 girls and 1 boy, Celeta Ruth, Lyndall and Reid B., Jr.

Reid B. Barnes, Sr. served as Lt. Colonel in last world war, now practicing Law in Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. Paul S. Woodall was born July 16, 1908, married Peggy Brown, one son was born, Paul Oliver. Dr. Woodall served as Lt. Col. in the last World War. Now practicing medicine in Birmingham, Ala.

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1. Mrs. Mabel Kennamer Woodall. 2. Dallas P. Woodall. 3. Sarah Jean Woodall. 4. Mrs. Buel Woodall Baine. 5. William Woodall. 6. Martha Lou Woodall, Dallas lived on a farm until December 1935 at Aspel, He then moved to Scottsboro. He has been a salesman for Elberton Granite Co., Elberton, Ga. for five years.

Henry H. Huddleston of Stevenson, Alabama; married Emma E. Woodall, daughter of P. H. and Margaret (Jones) Woodall, Dec. 1, 1905.

Mr. Huddleston is now with National Store, Winchester, Tenn. Children: (1) Henry Harold, Jr., m. Linnette Inez Wilson. Is manager of Martin's Men's Shop, Louisville, Ky.

(2) Margaret Kathleen, m. Edwin Maitland Joyner. Druggist in Alabama City, Ala.

Children: Edwin Maitland, Jr., Kathleen Huddleston and Charles Woodall Joyner. (3) Sadie Pearl, m. John Hugh Burgess. Insurance business, Birmingham, Ala. Children: John Hugh, Jr., Margaret Elaine, David Francis, Henry Thaddeus Burgess. Mary Ann m. Wallace Edward McMurray. Both teach in Lenoir City, Tenn. Child: Wallace Edward, Jr.

(5) Emma Louise, m. William Harold Wood. Government work, Atlanta, Ga.

Child: Patrick Harold.

Roy Woodall, son of P. H. Woodall, was born in Woodville June 4, 1894, married Mildred Louis Brenner Sept. 25, 1915. She was born in Memphis, and lived there all her life, except during World War I. After finishing school, Roy began working for the Sou. R. R. in the freight office at Decatur, Ala. 1913, after three or four months, was moved to Memphis and was employed in various capacities until Dec. 1917. He worked two years for the U. S. Government at Muscle Shoals, Ala., Toledo, Ohio and Cincinnati. In Dec. 1919, he started with the Dixie-Portland Flour Co., at Memphis and is now secretary of the Company. They have no children and live at 320 Malvern St. in Memphis.

MRS. BOGGESS AND LEONA MERRITT

Leona Woodall Merritt. Leona Woodall, eldest child of Patrick Henry and Tobitha Margaret Jones Woodall, b., Nov. 7, 1879, at Woodville, Ala. Her great great grandfather was Willis Woodall from Franklin County, Virginia. Her maternal 6th great grandfather, Matthew Jones sailed from Isle of Wright England up James River to Smithfield, Va., Education: public school at Woodville, Greene Academy, Nat, Normal College, Scottsboro; Winchester Normal, Winchester, Tenn., agriculture college, Albertville and Athens Female college, Athens, Ala. Married William Richard Merritt, May 13, 1902. Children: Margaret Gladys, Pauline Bryson, and Patrick Richard, born in Stevenson, Ala. They moved to Clarendon, Ark. where Mr. Merritt entered the furniture business—later ran a Hardware Store. She is a member of many social, patriotic, and religious clubs; Is a Methodist, and as a hobby—loves horses, music and collecting antiques.

CHAPTER 24

Rollings Whitaker

Rollings Whitaker immigrated to Alabama, settled in Marshall County, in the Sinks. He married "Sis" Whitaker, a daughter of Whorry Whitaker and wife, Luhaney Paseur. Rollings Whitaker was elected Tax Collector in Marshall County in 1871.

He later moved to Jackson County, one mile north of Woodville. He bought part of the original Moses Maples farm and lived where Joe Livingston now lives. He moved to Spout Springs.

Children: (1) Samantha Whitaker m. Tea Stewart. They resided in Marshall County.

(2) Joseph S. Whitaker born 1856, m. Miram Craig, daughter of Andy Craig. They lived in Peters Cove at the

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James Grady Whitaker, son of James Arthur Whitaker, and Maude Farr, was b. Jan 27, 1906. He was named after his grandfather, James Farr and Henry Grady of Ga. He worked on the farm and attended the public schools in Peters Cove until grown. Se went to Tuscumbia, and worked four years for the Sou. Railway, starting as a machinist apprentice, and rose to a general machinist. He obeyed the gospel at Tuscumbia, Church of Christ, entered David Lipscomb college, studying to preach the gospel. He preached his first sermon at Rains Ave. Nashville, Tenn., his next effort was at Woodville, Ala.

Leaving college, he traveled with Bro. Dunn doing evangelistic work in Ala., Tenn., Miss., Ark. and Texas. He married Pearl Cornelia Hastings, daughter of S. E. Hastings. She has been a great help to him in his work. Children: Jean, Jimmy, Jerry Mac, and Charles Larimore Whitaker. He has lived at eight places in North Alabama, preaching here and in other states; has aided in building six church houses, and conducted many funerals. He has been at Guntersville for three years.

Spout Spring. Children: (a) Arthur Whitaker m. Maude Farr, daughter of James Farr. (b) Filey Whitaker m. Silas P. Woodall. (c) Maggie Whitaker m. Charlie Peters. (d) Wiley Whitaker m. Mollie Bulman. (e) Rosa Whitaker m. Lee Phillips. (f) Pearl Whitaker m. Albert Maples.

The Wright Family

The Wrights came from South Carolina to East Tennessee to Southeast Kentucky, then came to Madison County before settling in Jackson County, Alabama. Old Isom Wright settled at Wright's Spring in Wright's Cove, about twenty years before the Indians were removed to the Indian Territory.

All his salt, ammunition and farming supplies were bought at Huntsville He had two brothers and a sister who settled near Aspel.

Children of Old Isom Wright: (1) John Wright m. Charlotty Hill, a granddaughter of Hans Kennamer. The Post Office records show John Wright was appointed Postmaster at Woodville, August 5, 1867, and served until the office was discontinued Feb. 14, 1870. He and wife "Lottie" lived in Wood's Cove. Children: (a) Nancy Wright m. Asap Kennamer. (b) Martha Wright m. Wade Cline. They went to Texas in a wagon. (a) Isham A. Wright m. Margaret Susan

Burton Kennamer Wright, son of Arnice C. and Veda Bertie Kennamer Wright, and grandson of N. L. Kennamer, served three years in World War II. He had no overseas service; is now employed at Hodges Drug Co. Scottsboro, Ala. He is courteous and a popular young man.

Thomas. Children: John Will, Silas S., Martha, Joseph W., Robert I., Charles David (Dea), Nannie A., Emmer A. Ida Dellar and Bentley M. Wright.

(2) (Particular) James Wright m. Harriett Hill. He made guns for the pioneers. Fifteen children were born to this union. They emigrated to Texas before there were any railroads. Many of their children died on the road.

(3) Jacob Cline married a daughter of Old Isom Wright. They went to Texas.

(4) Martha Wright m. Sampson Wilder Jr. They also went to Texas.

There were other Wrights in Marshall, Madison, and Jackson Counties. William (Bill) Wright m. Amanda Jane Manning. He lived to be 87 years old, died in Peter's Cove where he is buried. One of his sons, Delbert Wright, m. Ethel Ashburn. They live in Peter's Cove. There is another family of Wrights only slightly related to William Wright. Jack Wright was a cripple —made shoes for my father and others. He worked in Woodville a few years. His brother, Andill Wright lived on my father's farm many years. He married Martha Smith. Children: (1) David Wright (1872 1946) m. Susie Paseur. (2) W. J. (Jack) Wright m. Sarah Thomason. (3) Margaret, (4) Eliza Wright m. George Woody.

CHAPTER 25

REMARKABLE HAPPENINGS

A Mad Cow at Church

About a hundred yards west of the business section of Woodville stood a large elm tree, near the Methodist church house. One Sunday morning in the 1880's, the crowd was assembled for preaching, and as usual four men stopped a short time under this elm tree to pass greetings. They were John Chastain, Hodge Woodall, Wiley Burge and Walk Irwin, when suddenly there came rushing toward them, like a savage Indian, a mad cow which belonged to Elder Martin. the Methodist minister. The men fled quickly to the church house. All reached it but Mr. Chastain, who was chased around the big elm tree, followed closely by the cow. Her keen horns made the bark fly. The cow then made for a horse hitched nearby. The horse broke loose and fled. The cow made toward the door of the church house. Hodge Woodall closed the double doors quicker than ever before or since. A wild scene was created within the church, but the cow soon went down in town. D. A. Thomas, P. H. Woodall and others followed her up the railroad. She charged Mr. Thomas, who knocked her down with a stick, and cut her throat with his pocket knife.

A Mad Bull

In 1882 or 83 "Big" A. Whiterd. John H. Atchley, and A. J. (Jack) Cooper built the first bridge across Paint Rock River at Butler's Mill.

The lumber for this bridge was sawed by two northern men, Horton and Veilly at Paint Rock Switch. Thomas M. Cobb hauled the logs to the saw mill with a yoke of oxen, out of the bottoms nearby. One day a big yellow, white faced, long horned mad bull charged toward his oxen. Mr. Cobb ran swiftly toward the animal hollowing and waving his arms to attract his attention. He ran behind a big tree with the bull closely following. While this was happening Mr. Cobb's son, Hulett, escaped with the oxen.

Mr. Cobb borrowed a double barrel shot gun from Mr. Horton, loaded it with buckshot, and after a search, found the mad bull out in the open bottoms.

When the animal saw Mr. Cobb. he came charging across a small field toward him. who waited until he came close and shot him in the forehead. which caused him to turn, and then he shot him behind the foreleg for the kill.

A Yoke of Oxen and Wagon Lost

There is in the northern part of Kennamer Cove a large spring located on the Perkins farm. From this spring flows a greater volume of water than any other spring near here. No bottom has ever been found.

We have it by most reliable tradition that a yoke of oxen hitched to a wagon plunged into this spring and were never seen any more.

A Man Killed

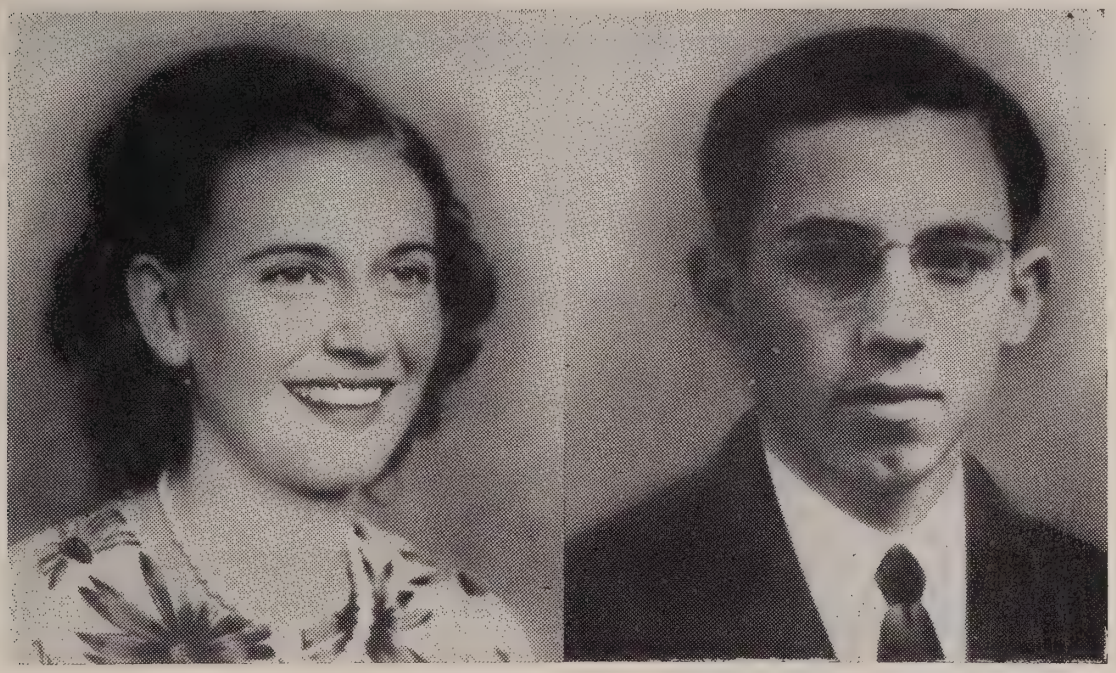
About a hundred years ago, a community picnic was held in the bottom at a gum spring on land now owned by D. M. Thomas. Two men were sitting under a big tree. A limb fell on one of the men and killed him.

A Wildcat

About a mile from the writer's home, the Friar family lived at a spring, known as the Friar Spring. Late one evening a wildcat jumped on the back of Nancy Clementine Friar, a girl. This girl later married John Monroe Chandler (known as Jimmie). Their daughter, Nancy Susan, married C. A. Starnes, now living near Stevenson. This Friar girl worked for my mother some. All the foregoing happenings are not "fish stories or fairy tales."

Howard Kennamer, son of William Sidney, and Tempie A. (Doss) Kennamer, was born August 26, 1910, in Kennamer Cove He began the business of enlarging pictures. Then worked four years in the office of the Aluminum Co. of America at Alcoa, Tenn; was inducted into the Army Nov. 27, 1943, discharged June 20, 1944. He is now engaged in the busienss of enlarging pictures with his home and headquarters in Chattanooga, Tenn.

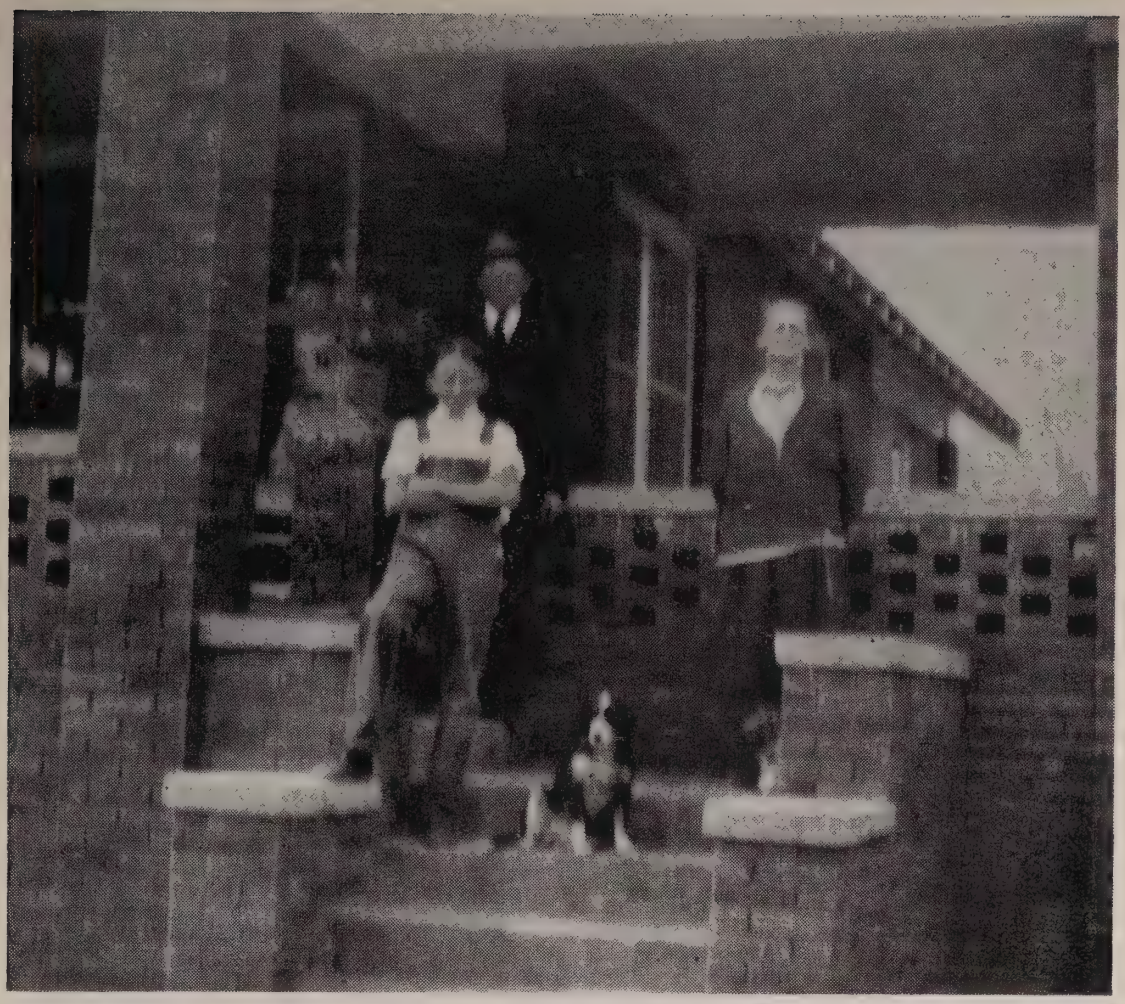
William Sidney Kennamer. bors Jan. 18, 1878; died Jan. 11, 1949, m. Jan. 26, 1896. Tempie Alva Doss, born July 27, 1879. Sidney was the youngest son of David Kennamer, and Kitty L. Hodges. They reared five sons and four daughters. They lived a few years in Jackson county near the Marshall county line. In 1908 he purchased a farm from S. F. Kennamer in Kennamer Cove; moved to Woodville Dec., 1923, engaged in the mercantile business. They are members of the Church of Christ.



Olan Rexford Kennamer, son of Grady O. and Bessie V. (Phillips) Kennamer, b. Dec. 15, 1925, m. June 15, 1945, Evelyn Mildred Rousseau, b. Jan. 23, 1927. She is the daughter of John Rousseau and Julina Carver. Evelyn, graduated from Woodville High school, valedictorian of her class 1912 to 1916. Attended college all her work. "Shorty" operates a truck and is a good worker.

Joseph Earl Stewart, son of John Franklin, and Mary Earl (Bulman,) Stewart, b. Sept. 11, 1912 in Woodville, m. Oct. 8, 1933, Naomi Gertrude Kennamer, b. Jan. 20, 1915. She is the youngest daughter of W. S. Kennamer, and the youngest granddaughter of David Kennamer. Joseph worked 7 years with T. V. A.; began preaching Oct. 1940, at Morristown, Tennessee, moved April, 1942 to Knoxville, worked at Oak Ridge; moved to Chattanooga 1946 and has preached at Signal Hill Church of Christ since Oct. 1, 1946. He does clerical work for Portrait Agency. Both are members of the Church of Christ.

Lorrin Garfield Kennamer, b. in Kennamer Cove, June 27, 1897. Started to school at the age of four at Union Grove, Marshall county, Ala. and has been in schoolwork to the present. He went to school at Woodville, Gurley high school one year Nashville Bible school four years, 1912 to 1916. Attended College at Hardin-Simmons, Abiline, Texas, University Knoxville, Chicago, Madison Wis., and getting his M. A., Ph D. degrees at Peabody college, Nashville. He taught at N. B. school, A. C. C. and since 1928 at Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College Richmond, Kentucky.
Has written syndicated articles, been a radio speaker and made many speeches on various subjects.



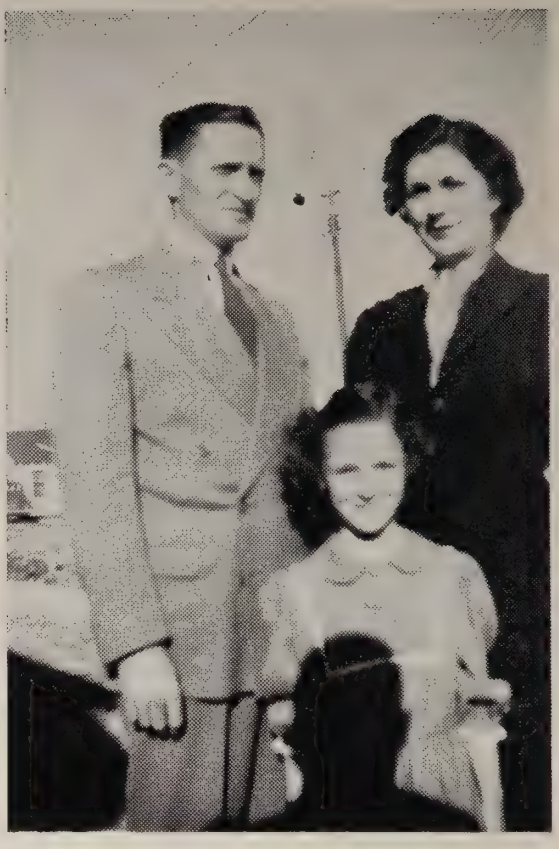
This picture of the writer's brick veneered home built in 1929 is used to preserve the likeness of Fritts, the faithful dog, who by his fierce and persistent barking near the door where my wife and I were sleeping, probably prevented us from being crushed and burned to death in the great fire July 23, 1929. When Fritts died, we buried him. May we be as faithful to our Master as he was to his:

Clyde H. Kennamer, Born January 1, 1905 in Woodville, Ala. Education: Attended Woodville Public grade school, member of First class of Woodville high school. Graduated B. A. degree Abilene Christian college, 1929. M. A. degree Sul Ross State college, Alpine, Texas. Occupation: Teacher 24 years in central West Texas. Principal Wall School, 1948-50. Coach of Boy's and Girl's basketball, volley ball. Religion: Church of Christ. Deacon of Church of Christ, Harris and Irving St. San Angelo, Texas. Hobbies: Stamp collector: U. S. used, mint, first day covers. Puppetry—Have given school plays for 10 years. Married Aug. 27, 1928; Oma Elizabeth (Cure)

Kennamer. Born February 21, 1908, Montague County. Grade school Gilliland, Texas, Knox County. A. C. C. High Schiol, Abilene, Texas, 1925. Graduated Abilene Christine college 1928, A. B. degree. Member Church of Christ. Teacher 16 years. Choral Director.
Son—Kenan K. Kennamer—Born June 18, 1933, Abilene, Texas. Senior, San Angelo High School, 1949-50. Member of Footlighter's Drama Club. Bass singer of Boy's Quartet S. A. H. S. Member of S. A. H. S. mixed choir. Model airplane enthusiast. Member of Academy of Model Aernautics. Manager of thriving peanuts, chewing gum vending business during spare time.

Lovis Colden Kennamer, b. Dec. 22, 1902, at Union Grove Marshall County, Alabama, m. Mamie Eunice Popejoy, July 14, 1928. He went one year to David Lipscomb college, spent one year in Oklahoma; farmed, worked as carpenter and painter, moved from Paint Rock, Alabama to Sweetwater in 1942 where he has lived until the present. He is a carpenter. Mamie was reared at Paint Rock. Children: Dorothy Jean, b. Nov. 24. 1930, m. June 4, 1949, E. G. Holzmann. Anita Von. b. July 23, 1935. L. C. Jr., b December 31, 1938, d. Feb. 1941. Wanda Rae, b. August 28, 1943 in Texas. Both are members of the Church of Christ.

Irma Kennamer Christian was born August 9, 1906 at Woodville, Alabama. She attended grade school at Woodville and then did high school work at David Lipscomb college, Nashville, Tennessee. Attended college at Abilene Christian college, Abilene, Texas. Graduated with a B. A. degree in 1928. In 1945, received the M. A. degree from University of Houston. Has taught school for 18 years in two states, Fackler, Ala., Ranger, Houston, Rosenburg, Wiley and Abilene, Texas, Christian college. She is member of Church of Christ, Married to C. A. Christian 1930—Has one daughter, Shirley Cynthia Christian, born Jan. 4, 1935.



John Robert Kennamer, Jr., b. Sept. 6, 1908, m. June 19, 1929, Beulah Hilda Page, b. Sept. 24, 1909. They have one girl, Sherry Elaine, b. Oct. 21, 1940. J. R. graduated from Woodville high school 1925, went to D. L. C. Nashville, Tenn. 1925-26, A. C. C. college, Abilene, Tex. 1926-28, got B. S. degree at Florence, Summer 1946. Has been teaching 21 years, now located near Huntsville, Ala. Beulah, graduated from Woodville H. S. 1927, attended Florence State Teachers college and has taught 21 years. J. R. was in the Wholesale Candy business two years at Woodville 1939 and '40. Both are members of the Church of Christ.

Hilbert Larimore Kennamer, son of J. R., Sr. and Sarah E. (Page) Kennamer, b. Sept. 17, 1910, in Woodville, Ala., m. March 16, 1935, in Huntsville, Ala. Marieta A. Brand, b. Oct. 17, 1914 in New Hope.

Hilbert finished W. H. S. 1927, only boy in class of nine; went next year to A. C. C. Abilene, Texas, began work in Paint Rock, bank Oct. 1, 1928, went to Tennessee Valley Bank, Towncreek, Ala., Jan. 1, 1930. Moved to Texas Aug. 1936. Entered World War II Oct 27, 1942, stationed at Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, Tex., transferred to Infantry, Dec. 29, 1944, Sailed from Boston Mar. 1, 1945, went into action Mar. 25, and captured April 2, 1945 and was liberated April 16, 1945; was held prisoner in Stalag 11B, Falling bostee, Germany. Discharged Sept. 23, 1945; worked, as salesman 36 months, now enrolled in A .C. C. Will finish Spring 1951. Marieta finished H. S. at Riverside, Calif. During the War took a business course in Waco, Texas, now employed as bookkeeper and office clerk for Western Compress and Storage Co., Abilene, Texas.

Both are members of the Church of Christ.

David Lipscomb Kennamer was born March 13, 1916 in Woodville, Alabama, attended the public schools, until the fall of 1932, graduated from Abilene Christian College Demonstration school in 1933. Married Aug. 28, 1941, Elizabeth Rosalie Henthorn, born Oct. 9, 1921, in Spokane, Wash. She graduated from Abilene Christian college with a B. A. degree. Her parents were Ira Baker Henthorn, and Rhoda Arvilla Edwards Henthorn, David entered Army Air Forces Feb. 9, 1942, as a cadet; discharged Des. 6 1945 as a 1st Lieutenant. He was an air force flying instructor. He was stationed at Bakersfield, Santa Ana, Visalia, Chico, Stocton, Sacramento, Calif.; Tucson.., Ariz.; Carlsbad and Hobbs, N. M.; Lincoln, Neb.; Alexandria, La.; Tampa, Fla.; San Antonio and Victoria, Texas; discharged at Houston. He received his B. A. degree at A. C. C. in 1946, was made principal of A. C. C. Demonstration school the next year, which position he holds at present. He resides at 1402 Washington Blvd., Abilene, Texas. He and wife are members of the Church of Christ. Children: Johnny David Kennamer was born in Tucson, Ariz.; Nov. 4, 1943. Larry James Kennamer was born in Abilene, Texas, August 20, 1946.

The scope, magnitude and interest have increased from the beginning in the work of making this book a reality.

With a heart overflowing with love and gratitude for every aid so nobly rendered by everyone here and everywhere, I now lay aside my pen as I shall shortly lay aside this earthly tabernacle and go in judgment to meet a just and all-wise God who doeth all things well.

The End.